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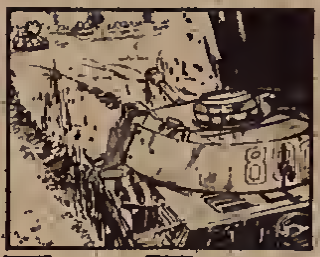
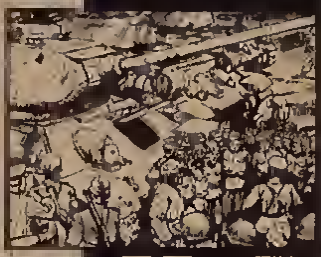
A YOUNG RECRUIT JOINED

in the German tank corps on the eastern front as a supplementary soldier





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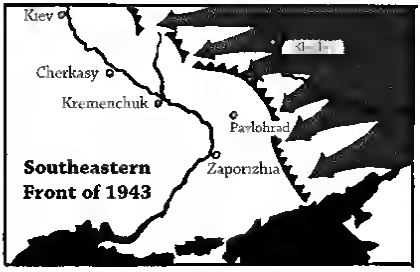
Episode 1
"Fire! At Point-Blank Range!"

*Read Left to Right for this manga.

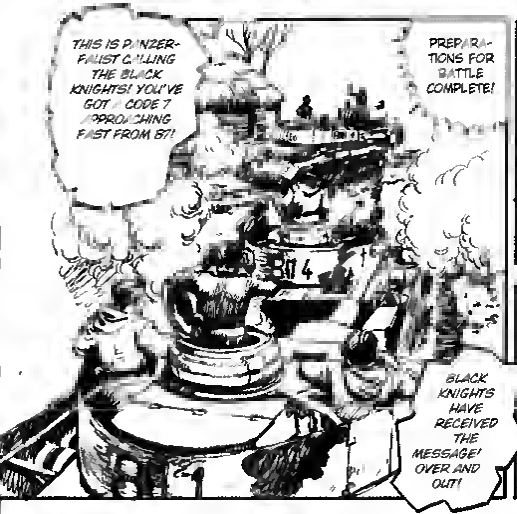
Our story begins with the German 8th tank company near a nameless village in southern Russia during the fall of 1943. After the failure of the German summer offensive, "Operation Citadel," the war was quickly turning against them—



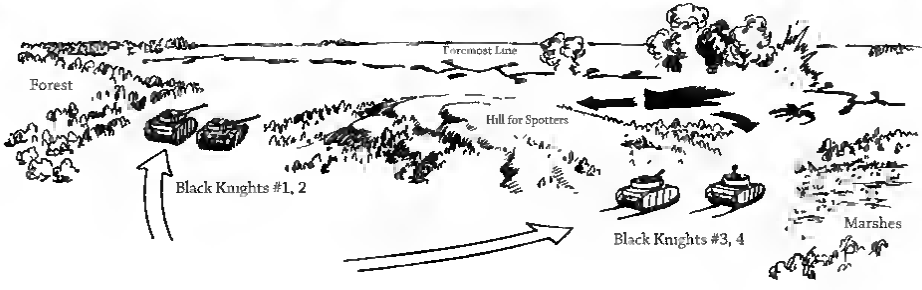
LT. BAUER, JUST WHAT CAN A TANK COMPANY WITHOUT SPARE PARTS ACCOMPLISH? AN ENGINE FAILURE DURING A BATTLE IS A NIGHTMARE.
IS THIS THE 8TH COMPANY?
YOU MUST BE THE NEW RECRUIT CALLED FROM THE RESERVES. WELCOME TO THE 8TH TANK COMPANY. IF YOU CAN EVEN CALL IT THAT SINCE WE ONLY HAVE 4 WORKING TANKS RIGHT NOW.
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO MY MEN. THIS IS SGT. SCHULTZ. CPL. MEIER. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HANS. AND I'M LT. BAUER.
MY NAME IS KURZ WEBER, SIR!
WELL, KURZ WEBER, PUT DOWN YOUR STUFF AND GO LEARN HOW TO MAINTAIN THE 75MM CANNON WITH HANS. WE CAN AFFORD TO HAVE YOU PLAY TANK SOLDIER AT LEAST UNTIL IT SNOWS.
BUT LEAVE ANY GUNK ON THE SWITCHES AND I'LL HAVE YOU PUT ON SHELL CLEANING AND SENTRY DUTIES.
UNDERSTOOD, SGT. SCHULTZ!

Dooooooom

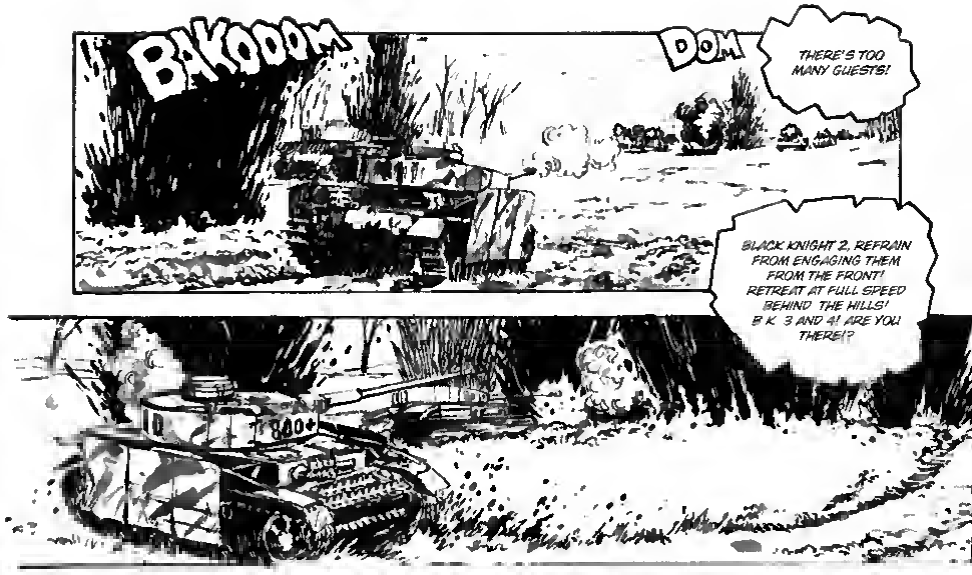
PARTY'S STARTING AND WE'VE GOT GUESTS, BOYS! SET YOUR RADIOS TO RECEIVE AND PREPARE FOR COMBAT!

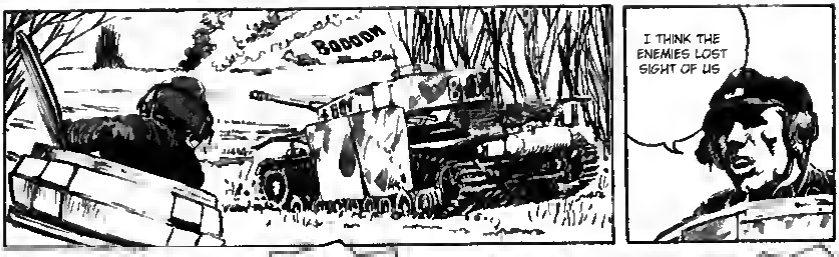

THIS IS PANZERFAUST CALLING THE BLACK KNIGHTS! YOU'VE GOT A CODE 7 APPROACHING FAST FROM 57!
PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE COMPLETE!
BLACK KNIGHTS HAVE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE! OVER AND OUT!

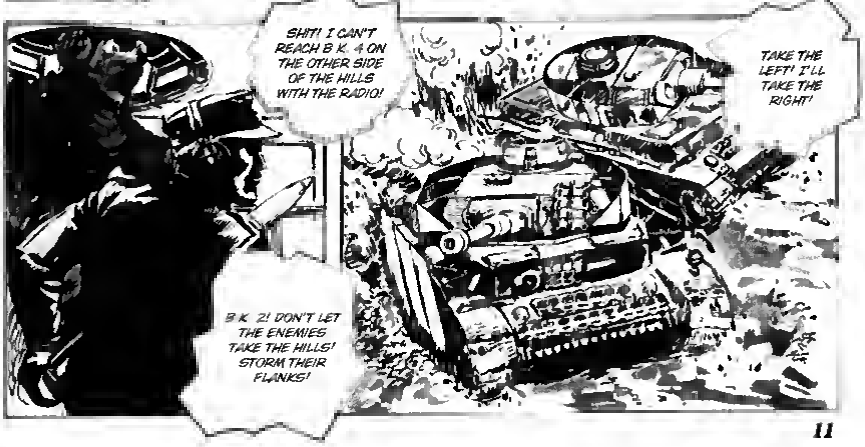
BLACK KNIGHT 3 & 4, SHOOT THE ENEMIES AT 50M FROM THE HILLS TO THE RIGHT. BLACK KNIGHT 2 AND I'LL CIRCLE TO THE LEFT IN THE MEANWHILE. LET'S PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS


Foremost Line
Forest
Hill for Spotters
Black Knights #1, 2
Black Knights #3, 4
Marshes

CANNON FIRE FROM THE FRONT LINES HAVE STOPPED. THE ENEMIES MUST'VE BROKEN PAST OUR LINES.. STOP YOUR ENGINES! THIS FOG IS TOO THICK SO WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THEM BY LISTENING FOR THEIR ENGINES!
BLACK KNIGHT 1 TO BLACK KNIGHT 2! PARTY GUESTS SIGHTED AT 11 O'CLOCK!
ROGER THAT. AIMING FOR THE FRONT-MOST TANKS NOW.
VORR
DOOM
BOOOM


BAKOOOM
DOM
THERE'S TOO MANY GUESTS!
BLACK KNIGHT 2, REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING THEM FROM THE FRONT! RETREAT AT FULL SPEED BEHIND THE HILLS! B.K. 3 AND 4! ARE YOU THERE!?


BOOOOM
I THINK THE ENEMIES LOST SIGHT OF US

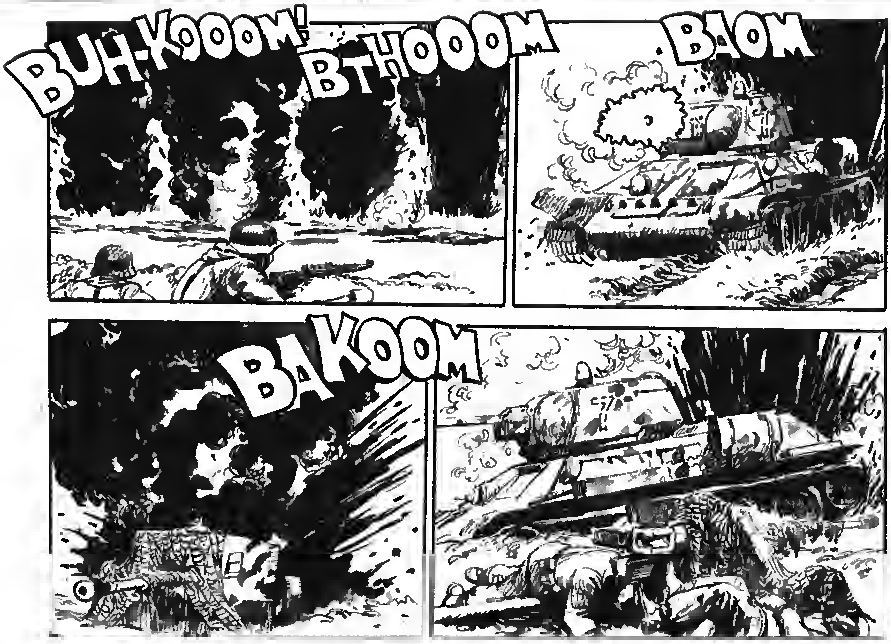

SHIT! I CAN'T REACH B.K. 4 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILLS WITH THE RADIO!
TAKE THE LEFT! I'LL TAKE THE RIGHT!
B.K. 2! DON'T LET THE ENEMIES TAKE THE HILLS! STORM THEIR FLANKS!

[1]NYEMETS/NYEMTSY: RUSSIAN TERM FOR GERMAN(S)

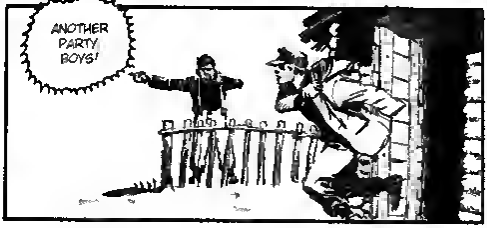
3 O'CLOCK AT POINT-BLANK RANGE!
TURN AROUND! BLACK KNIGHT 2'S BEEN HIT!
COVER FOR THE CREW'S ESCAPE!
BAM
BAOOOM
OUR COMMANDER'S DOWN!
DON'T RUN, WE'RE GONN FIGHT!
DOKOW
KURZ! THE PERISCOPE S BROKEN! TELL ME WHERE TO AIM!
DOM
BAKOW

A LITTLE MORE TO THE RIGHT!
GOOD, FIRE!
BAKOM
BARM
DOBA
I WON'T LET ANYONE TALK SHIT ABOUT YOU, KURZ WEBER. YOU'RE ONE FINE SOLDIER I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU ONE OF MY MEDALS

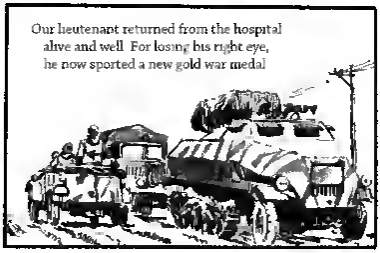
Episode 2
"Panzer vor!"
Iron Coffin or not!

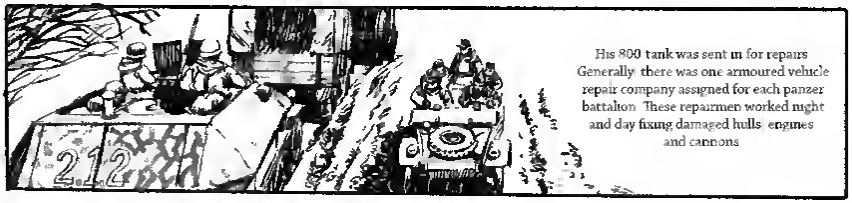


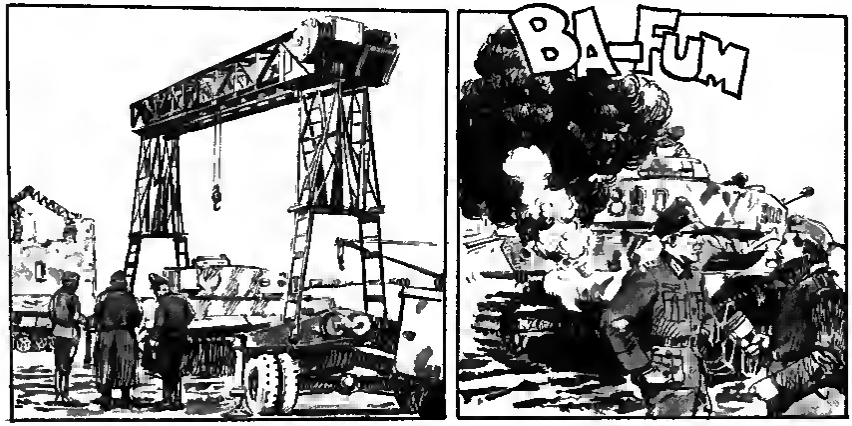
PANZER-FAUST TO BLACK KNIGHTS! CODE 7 ALERT!


ANOTHER PARTY, BOYS!

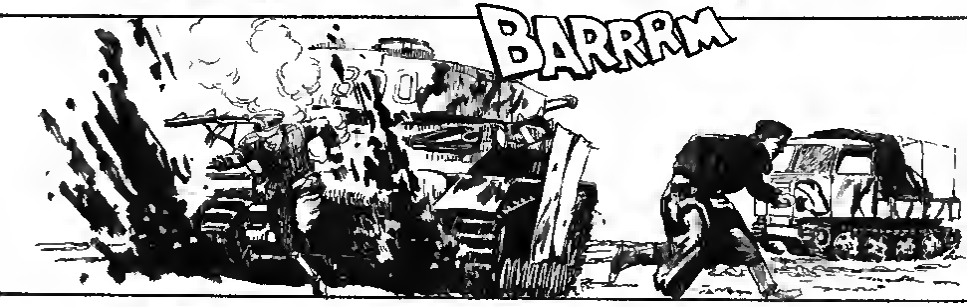
GET IT READY TO BE SENT FOR REPAIRS!

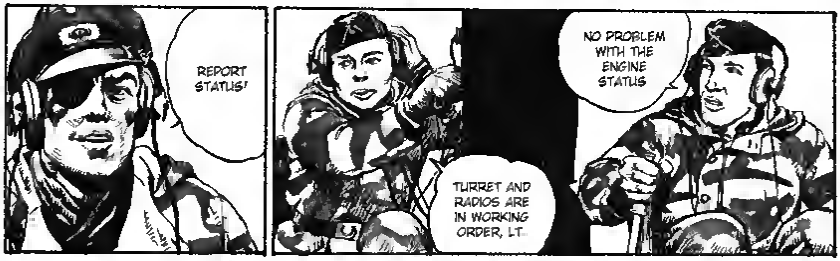

Our lieutenant returned from the hospital alive and well. For losing his right eye, he now sported a new gold war medal

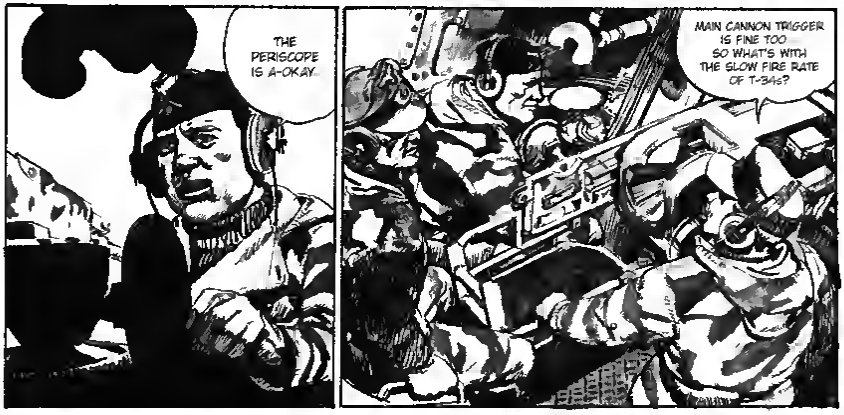

His 800 tank was sent in for repairs. Generally there was one armoured vehicle repair company assigned for each panzer battalion. These repairmen worked night and day fixing damaged hulls, engines and cannons

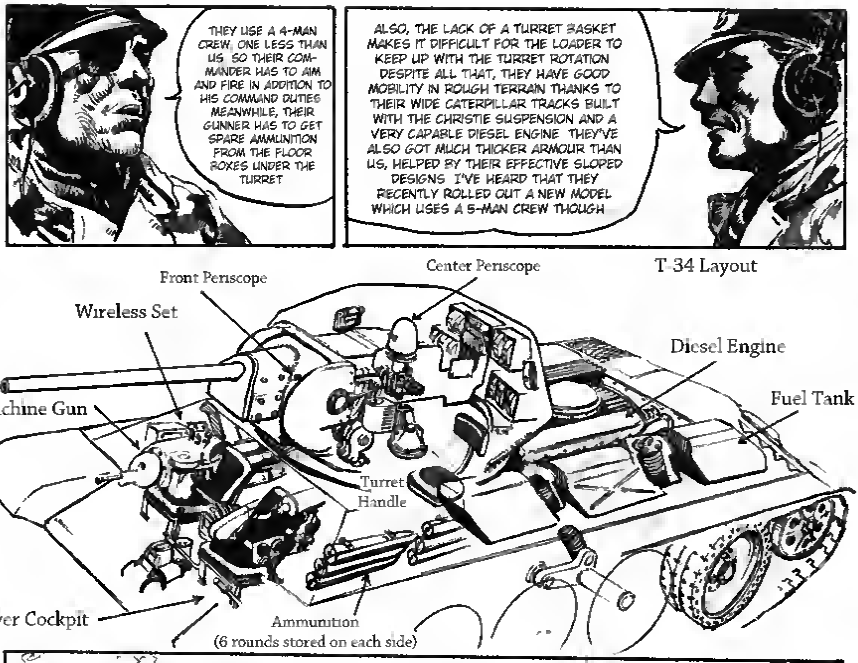

BA-FUM

WHAT KIND OF HALF-ASSED MAINTENANCE IS THIS?
I'M GONNA BE BORROWING YOUR TANK FOR A BIT
DO WHAT YOU WANT.


BARRAM


REPORT STATUS!
NO PROBLEM WITH THE ENGINE STATUS
TURRET AND RADIOS ARE IN WORKING ORDER, LT.


THE PERISCOPE IS A-OKAY.
MAIN CANNON TRIGGER IS FINE TOO... SO WHAT'S WITH THE SLOW FIRE RATE OF T-34s?


THEY USE A 4-MAN CREW, ONE LESS THAN US. SO THEIR COMMANDER HAS TO AIM AND FIRE IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMAND DUTIES MEANWHILE, THEIR GUNNER HAS TO GET SPARE AMMUNITION FROM THE FLOOR BOXES UNDER THE TURRET
ALSO, THE LACK OF A TURRET BASKET MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE LOADER TO KEEP UP WITH THE TURRET ROTATION DESPITE ALL THAT, THEY HAVE GOOD MOBILITY IN ROUGH TERRAIN THANKS TO THEIR WIDE CATERPILLAR TRACKS BUILT WITH THE CHRISTIE SUSPENSION AND A VERY CAPABLE DIESEL ENGINE. THEY'VE ALSO GOT MUCH THICKER ARMOUR THAN US, HELPED BY THEIR EFFECTIVE SLOPED DESIGNS. I'VE HEARD THAT THEY RECENTLY ROLLED OUT A NEW MODEL WHICH USES A 5-MAN CREW THOUGH
T 34 Layout
Front Periscope
Center Periscope
Wireless Set
Diesel Engine
Machine Gun
Fuel Tank
Turret Handle
Driver Cockpit
Ammunition (6 rounds stored on each side)
0941 Hours Accidental Encounter with 40 EnemyTanks
BK-1 REPORTING TO THE REST! INDIVIDUALLY TARGET SEPARATE ENEMIES!
BARN
SHIT! THEY'RE OUTSIDE OUR RANGE!
TARGET AT 1800!

BAOOM
BAKOM
DOKOW
WHAT'S GOING ON? THEIR 75MM GUNS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REACH US!
BAKOW
ACHH! IT'S A T-34-85!
BK-1 TO BK-2! YOU'VE GOT SMOKE COMING FROM YOUR ENGINE! RETREAT!
PANZERFAUST, THIS IS THE BLACK KNIGHTS REQUESTING IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENTS, OVER!
WE'VE GOT TOO MANY GUESTS OVER HERE AND CAN'T SPARE ANY WAITERS FOR YOUR PARTY AT THE MOMENT. DO YOUR BEST TO DELAY THEM!

SO THEY'RE JUST LEAVING US TO DIE!?
KURZ, SHIT'S ABOUT TO HIT THE FAN! GET READY TO LOAD AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
MAINTAIN FORMATION! DISREGARD CASUALTIES AND FOCUS FIRE TOGETHER!
TARGET AT 1200!
FIRE!
DOKOOOK
BAKOOOO
DOM
BAOOM

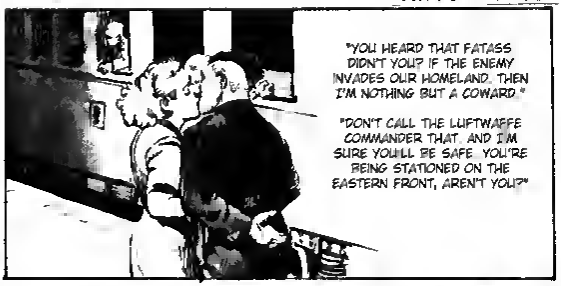
DOKOW
GET CLOSER AND AIM FOR THE BASE OF THEIR TURRET!
BANG
BAOOOOM
THAT'S A HIT! NOW AIM FOR 2 O'CLOCK! HURRY!
BARM

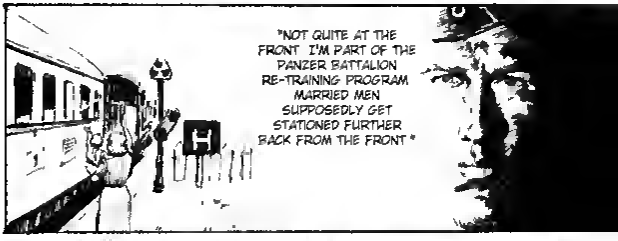
BAKOOM
BAKOOOM
WHAT'S OUR STATUS?
11 DEAD, 17 WOUNDED, 7 TANKS LOST, 3 TANKS DAMAGED BUT POSSIBLE TO REPAIR

Episode 3
The #800 Falls into a Trap
BARM BARM BARM
BARM
BAKOOOM
DOM DOM

DoKoKoKoKo
DoKoKoKom
DoKoKoKoKo...
STOP, IT'S A RAILWAY EMBANKMENT
That day, the 8th company participated in an attack to take an enemy bridge along the Dnieper River.
HMMM, THE RUSSIAN DEFENSIVE ENCAMPMENTS SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE
I HEAR HAMBURG WAS DESTROYED IN AN AIR RAID

"DID YOU HEAR EVEN BERLIN WAS FIRE-BOMBED?"


"YOU HEARD THAT FATASS DIDN'T YOU? IF THE ENEMY INVADES OUR HOMELAND, THEN I'M NOTHING BUT A COWARD."
"DON'T CALL THE LUFTWAFFE COMMANDER THAT. AND I'M SURE YOU'LL BE SAFE. YOU'RE BEING STATIONED ON THE EASTERN FRONT, AREN'T YOU?"


"NOT QUITE AT THE FRONT. I'M PART OF THE PANZER BATTALION RE-TRAINING PROGRAM. MARRIED MEN SUPPOSEDLY GET STATIONED FURTHER BACK FROM THE FRONT."

THIS IS SK-1, ORDERING EACH KNIGHT TO FOLLOW ME OUT 100M FROM THE EMBANK-MENTS

VOOM
BARRRRR
BLACK KNIGHTS!

BARRR
REDUCE SPEED THE GROUND IS WEAK HERE
VOAW
CANNONS 1, 2, AND 3 AIM AT ENEMY TANK AT BOOM!
BAFUM

BAK-M!
BAKOOOOM
ABANDON TANK!
KRAW KRAW KRAW KRAW
VORRRR
COMING TO BACK YOU UP, OVER!
NO, YOU FOOL! IT'S A TRAP!
DOKOOOM

PaK Anti tank Gun (Panzerabwehrkanone)

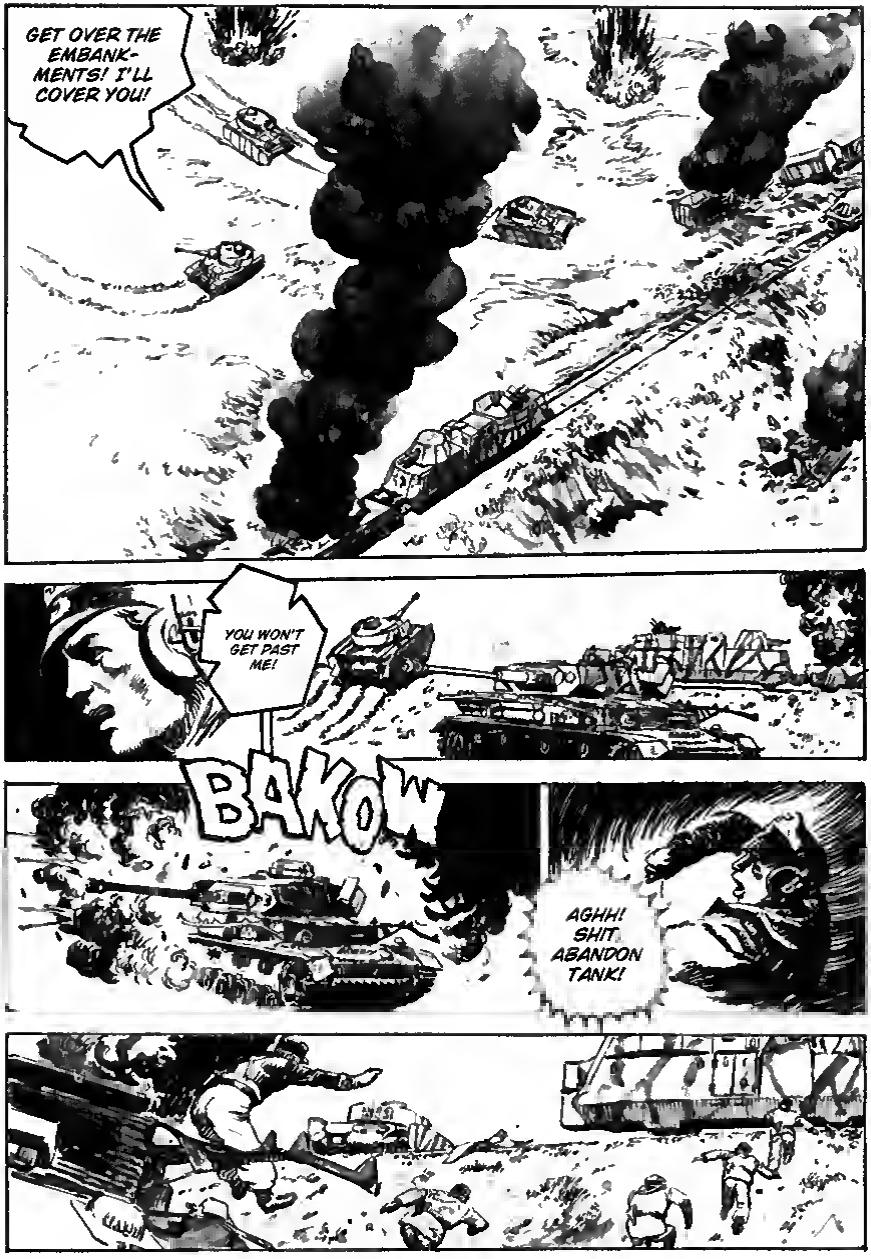
BAKOOOM!
DOW
BOKO
FIRE!
YOU CALL YOURSELVES MEN OF THE RED ARMY!? HURRY UP AND FIRE ALREADY!
DOKOW

BAOOOOM
オーライ
オーライ
HEY, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, 8TH COMPANY!
MY WIFE'S ALIVE AND WELL!
I GOT MORE LETTERS HERE
HA, IT'S A LETTER FROM HAMBURG SAYING THE LOAN ON MY HOUSE IS LATE!

Episode 4
The Goddess of Fate Gave us Strength

BATTLE FORMATIONS!
GUESTS SPOTTED AT 11 O'CLOCK! CLOSE THE DISTANCE QUICKLY, KNIGHTS!
ENEMIES ARE T-34-85s! BEAR WITH IT UNTIL THEY'RE IN OUR RANGE!
BARM
BAKOOM
BLACK KNIGHT #6 IS HIT AND NOW ABANDONING TANK!
DOKOM
BARM

THIS IS BK-10 PULLING BACK AFTER SUSTAINING CRITICAL DAMAGE!
SHIT! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM! HALT ATTACK AND RETREAT!
BAOOM
ALL KNIGHTS RETREAT!
DOKOOOFM
VORRRRR
SHIT! THE IVANS ARE ON OUR TAIL!


GET OVER THE EMBANK-MENTS! I'LL COVER YOU!
YOU WON'T GET PAST ME!
BAKOW
AGHH! SHIT ABANDON TANK!

BARM
DoKoom
FUCK!
LT. BAUER, WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
GREAT! AFTER ME, KNIGHTS!
BUTHOOOOM

QUICKLY! IN HERE!
BAKOW
CAN WE GET IT TO MOVE!?
ALL SYSTEMS A-OK, SIR!
BAKUM
AMAZING, IT'S A NEW MODEL.
VAPPP
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
FIRE!
I DON'T KNOW BUT IT'S MOVING!

SHOOT!
BAOM
チュワン
CHRIST! OUR 85MM ROUND JUST BOUNCED OFF!
DOKOM
FIRE!

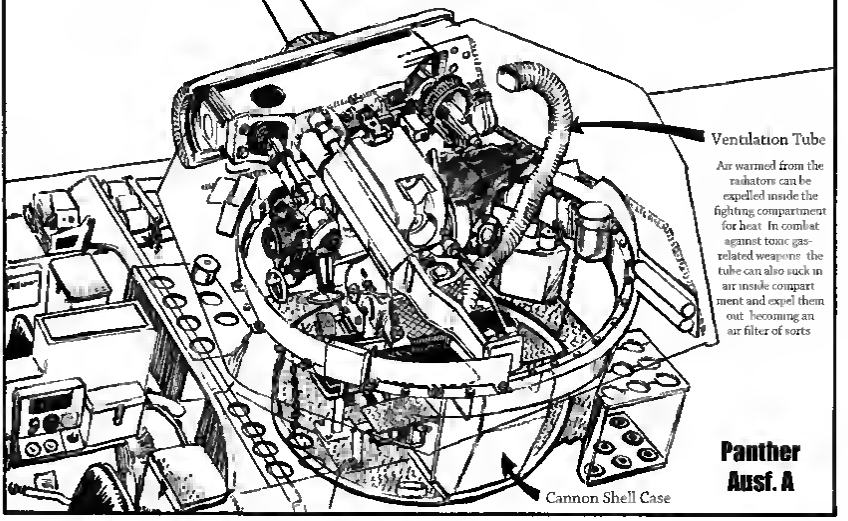
BTHOOOM
BAKOOOM
BAOW
PANZERFAUST, THIS IS THE BLACK KNIGHTS REPORTING. WE'VE ROUTED THE ENEMY BUT LOST 5 TANKS IN PROCESS. OUR CURRENT STRENGTH IS 13 TANKS, OVER
THIS IS PANZERFAUST. PLEASE COUNT AGAIN, YOU MUST HAVE MADE AN ERROR.
KISS MY ASS, ENDING TRANSMISSION!

#8th Company Battle Report
As recorded by Sgt. Schultz.

5 Tanks lost in action. Compensated losses with addition of 6 new Panthers.

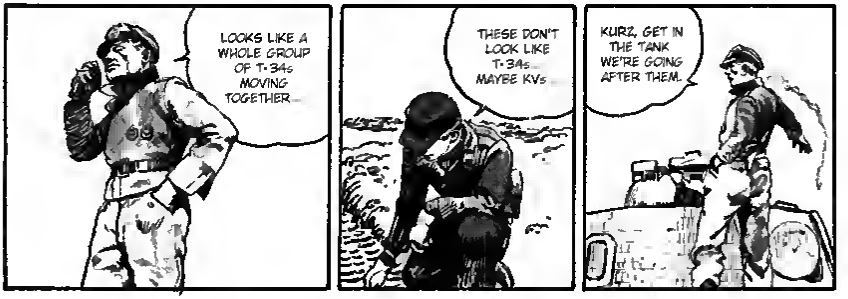
Episode 5

The Grim Reaper's Sudden Arrival


Ventilation Tube
Air warmed from the radiators can be expelled inside the fighting compartment for heat. In combat against toxic gas-related weapons, the tube can also suck in air inside compartment and expel them out, becoming an air filter of sorts
Panther Ausf. A
Cannon Shell Case

8th Company Battle Logs
Recorded by Sgt. Schultz

Lt. Bauer's #800 and my tank went out for a reconnaissance mission early in the morning when we came across large numbers of enemy tank caterpillar track prints


LOOKS LIKE A WHOLE GROUP OF T-34s MOVING TOGETHER...
THESE DON'T LOOK LIKE T-34s... MAYBE KVs...
KURZ, GET IN THE TANK WE'RE GOING AFTER THEM.

I HEAR ENGINE NOISES FROM AHEAD...
VORRRRRRRRR
THERE THEY ARE!
LET'S SEE WHERE THEY TAKE US. DO YOUR BEST TO BLEND IN
ARE YOU SERIOUS, LT? SOVIET SOLDIERS GET PAID THE WORST, YOU KNOW
CAN THE SARCASTIC REMARKS. FROM THE FRONT VIEW AT A DISTANCE EVEN A PANTHER CAN SORT OF RESEMBLE A T-34. NOW LIGHT YOUR CIGS AND DO YOUR BEST TO PRETEND TO BE A RED UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE REGROUPING
BORRRRRR

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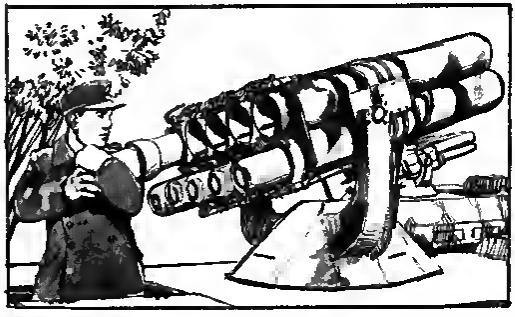
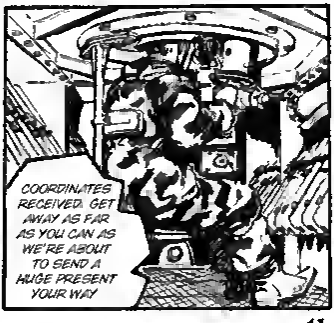
LOOK. THEY'VE ALL GATHERED HERE IN PREPARATION FOR AN OFFENSIVE

DELTA COMMAND. THIS IS THE BLACK KNIGHTS REQUESTING FIRE AT THESE COORDINATES




COORDINATES RECEIVED. GET AWAY AS FAR AS YOU CAN AS WE'RE ABOUT TO SEND A HUGE PRESENT YOUR WAY

シュワ シュワ
シュバ
シュワ
PULL BACK AT FULL SPEED!
BUH-KOOM!
BTHOOM
BAFOOM

HAHA! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A PILE OF SCRAPS NOW!
BAKDOOM!
801
SHIT! ENEMY TANK AT 12 O'CLOCK, LT!

BAOU
IT'S A STALIN! TURN THE TURRET TO 12 O'CLOCK!
SHIT, WE WON'T MAKE IT! CHARGE IN CLOSE INSTEAD!
BORRR
CRAH!
STICK ONTO IT LIKE GUM! IF THAT 122MM GUN HITS US, WE'LL BE BLOWN TO SKY HEAVEN!

FIRE!
BAOOM
CHRIST! THIS THING'S A MONSTER!
GO FOR THE VERY FRONT AT THE VISOR GLASS BLOCK WHERE THE ARMOUR'S WEAKEST!
GOT IT!
BAOOOOM

BAKO!
GIVE NO MERCY! FIRE AGAIN!
BUH-KOOOM
No rest for the Black Knights, iron coffins are all we have
800

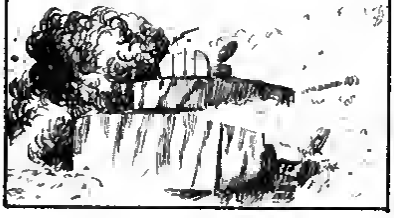
Episode 6
Knights of the Apocalypse

CALM YOUR HORSES I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS BUT OUR ARMY'S SUCCESSFULLY PUSHING THE GERMANS BACK AND THEY'RE EITHER RETREATING OR HAVE BEEN ENVELOPED.

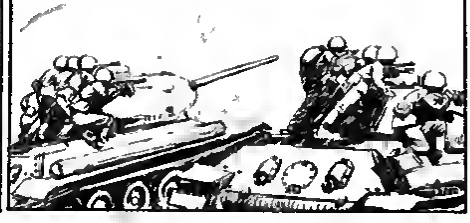
DAMN THE BLACK KNIGHTS! MY ENTIRE COMPANY WAS WIPED OUT THANKS TO THEM! I SWEAR UPON BABA YAGA I'LL KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEIR MEMBER!

The German defensive lines on the Eastern Front had crumbled in light of the renewed Soviet offensive. The once fearful aura of the great German army was now nowhere to be seen.

The Soviets were now familiar with all the ins and outs of German blitzkrieg tactics,

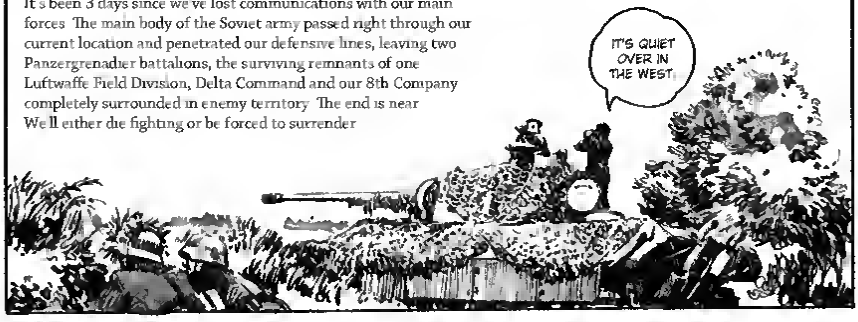


And combined with Soviet superiority in supplies and manpower, the German defensive lines were gradually overcome



8th Company Battle Logs

It's been 3 days since we've lost communications with our main forces. The main body of the Soviet army passed right through our current location and penetrated our defensive lines, leaving two Panzergrenadier battalions, the surviving remnants of one Luftwaffe Field Division, Delta Command and our 8th Company completely surrounded in enemy territory. The end is near. We'll either die fighting or be forced to surrender.



LT. COLONEL, WE MUST MAKE A BREAK FOR IT.

I KNOW BUT...!
WE MAY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAND OUR GROUND AND DIE FIGHTING 3 DAYS AGO BUT THAT'S ALL MEANINGLESS NOW IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION

LT. BAUER I'M HANDING COMMAND OVER TO YOU. LEAD THE MEN OUT OF HERE IF YOU CAN. MEANWHILE, I'LL STAND MY GROUND HERE WITH THE INJURED WHO CAN'T MOVE

TAKE THIS TO MY FAMILY, PLEASE
A little past midnight we began the preparations for our great escape
The lightly wounded gathered themselves around the armoured vehicles and awaited the signal
Wielding bayonets, our assault squad rushed towards a Soviet warning line
The red and white lights were the signal Our secret code was "freedom"
VOOM VOOOOOOOOO
CORPORAL, YOU'LL SOON BE IN PEACE WE'LL GET TO YOU TO A FIELD HOSPITAL IN NO TIME

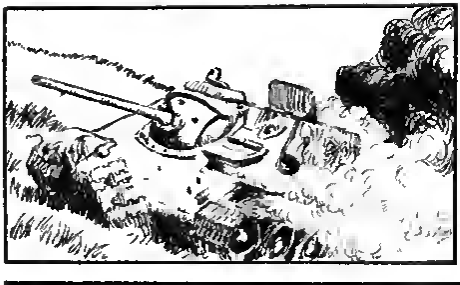
Vroooo
WHAT'S WRONG?
WE'RE OUT OF GAS! WHAT DO WE DO!?
DESTROY YOUR TRACKS AND ABANDON THE CAR!
WHAT!? THIS IS A NEW MODEL OF THE MAULTIER TRUCKS! WILLINGLY ABANDONING IT IS AGAINST REGULATIONS!
SHUT YOUR MOUTH, THAT'S AN ORDER! DESTROY YOUR TRACKS AND GET ON ANOTHER TRUCK THIS INSTANT!
FINE, BUT IF WE MAKE IT BACK ALIVE I'M HOLDING YOU RESPONSIBLE!

WE SHOULD BE NEAR ONE OF OUR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS INITIATE RADIO CONTACT
LT.! I'M PICKING UP A LOT OF RUSSIAN!
EVERYONE, BE ON YOUR GUARD!
BAKOOO-M!
BAOOM
CHARGE RIGHT THROUGH THEM!

BTH-OOOM!
DOKOKOKOKOKOKOKO
BAKO-OOM
DOM
BAOOP
DOKOKOKOKO

THE 8TH COMPANY REPORTING BACK WITH 9 TANKS AND 45 MEN, SIR.
LT. BAUER, THIS IS AN INFORMAL COURT-MARTIAL. NOT ONLY DID YOU DISOBEY ORDERS TO STAND GROUND, BUT YOU'VE ALSO WILLINGLY DESTROYED SOME NEW MAULTIERS
I'M CERTAIN YOU MUST HAVE HAD YOUR REASONS BUT THE HIGHER-UPS NEED TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF SOMEONE IN THIS TIME OF GREAT DISORDER
YOUR BLACK KNIGHTS ARE HEREBY DISMISSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. YOU AND YOUR MEMBERS ARE TO JOIN A TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION

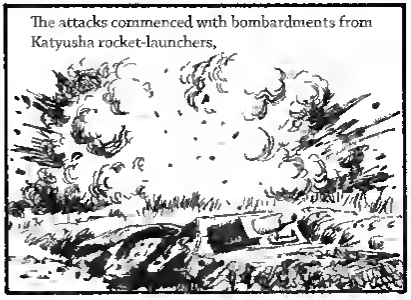
Episode 7 Black-Knights, the Tank Hunters



PRIVATE KURZ REPORTING BACK WITH ONE CAPTURED TANK COMMANDER, SIR
GOOD WORK, YOU CAN HAND OVER THE CAPTIVE
YOU'RE TANK SOLDIERS AREN'T YOU? SO THE RUMOURS THAT THE NAZIS ARE RUNNING OUT OF TANKS MUST BE TRUE
SHUT YOUR TRAP. SOMEONE ESCORT THIS IVAN BACK TO BASE
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE BLACK KNIGHTS? THERE'S A 50,000 RUBLE REWARD FOR THEIR HEADS
YOU WILL BE TREATED AS PER THE REGULATIONS FOR POWS IN THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS
JESUS, KURZ, TRY NOT TO BRING BACK A GUY LIKE THAT. I CAN HARDLY TELL WHO'S THE POW WHEN HE'S TALKING
AH, OF COURSE. I'LL DO MY BEST TO BRING A NICE FEMALE PARTISAN NEXT TIME SIR

HERE COMES STALIN'S ORGAN! KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN UNLESS YOU WANT TO DIE!

BAOM


The attacks commenced with bombardments from Katyusha rocket-launchers,

BAOOOOM
Which were then followed up by T 34 assaults

BAKOOM!

VAUH
BAM
GEBOBOBOBOBO
ADVANCE STEADILY, SQUAD!
ROGER THAT!
WATCH OUT FOR THE NYEMTSY ON YOUR RIGHT!
DOKOKOKOKOKO

VOOOOOOOOOR
BALLLLLLLLM
BALLLLLM
VOOOOOOM
VOM VOM VOM
VOM VOM
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DoKoKoKoKoKoKoKoKoW
SON OF A!
KURZ, NO! IT'S A TRAP.
ARE YOU JUST GOING TO WATCH ALL OUR COMRADES DIE, SIR!?
IF YOU CHARGE OUT NOW, YOU WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO GET WITHIN THE RANGE OF YOUR PANZERFAUST!
VORN VORN

Blendkorper BK2H Glass Grenade. Filled with a liquid mixture of benzene, water, titanium tetrachloride, calcium chloride
Used mainly to make smoke screens in anti tank combat.

HE'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF US!
BOHUM
BTH-DOOM!
SHIT, POROSECH-2 IS DOWN! RETREAT!

Episode 8
Dead End

DoKoKoKoKo
DoKJKoDoKoKoM
BAOOM
SGT., COMMANDER RALIER'S GIVEN THE SIGNAL TO RETREAT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T!? SO YOU'RE JUST LEAVING US TO OUR DEATHS!?
LOOK, WE'RE BUSY TRYING TO RETREAT OVER HERE TOO I'M SORRY BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SUPPORT YOUR COMPANY
YOU'VE GOT 5KM TO COVER IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT BACK TO BASE WATCH OUT FOR THE BRIDGES, MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN RIGGED TO EXPLODE IF YOU GET NEAR THEM
BURY THE PANZER-FAUST AND SPARE AMMUNITION HERE. WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE ASAP.

STOP!
DOM-DOM
BAKOOOOM
BTHOOOM
SHIT, THE IVANS TOOK DOWN THE PONTOON BRIDGE!
Немцы!
DOKOKOKOKO

BAOM
QUICKLY! WE'VE GOTTA RUN BEFORE MORE REDS ARRIVE!
THERE'S A RIVER FORD UP AHEAD THAT WE USED TO CROSS OVER HERE 3 YEARS AGO. WE CAN GO BACK THE SAME WAY SGT. GO FIND SOMETHING WE CAN USE AS A STRETCHER.
LIEUTENANT, JUST LEAVE ME BEHIND. I DON'T WANT TO DRAG EVERYONE DOWN
I'VE NEVER ABANDONED ONE OF MY MEN AND I'M NOT ABOUT TO START NOW

WE'RE AT THE RIVER. YOU MEN CROSS FIRST WHILE I COVER YOU.

LET'S GO, SIR.
Стой!
KTOWK-TOWK-TOWK-TOWK-TOWK-TOW
DON'T LET GO EVEN IF YOU DIE!
KURZ, GO ON AHEAD WHILE I COVER YOU!
DOKOWKOW
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DIE HERE, SIR?
BTHOOM

SHIT. I SHOULDN'T HAVE THROWN AWAY OUR PANZERFAUST. THIS IS MY FAULT.

BUH-KOOM!!

REINFORCE-
MENTS!

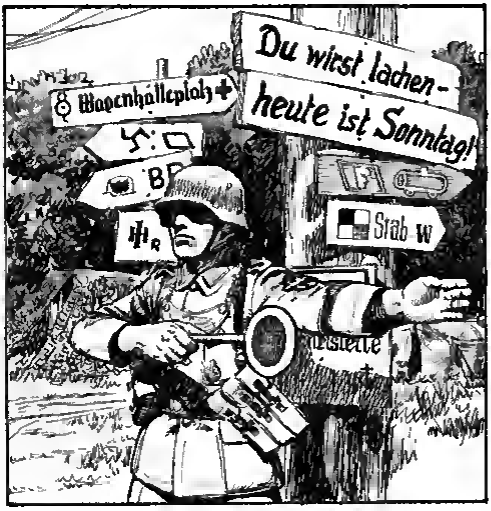
DID I EVER TELL YOU I M AFRAID OF THE WATER?
I THINK SO

WE'RE HERE ON A SPECIAL ORDER TO ESCORT YOUR COMPANY. MY NAME S BELTZ AND THIS IS MY TANKHUNTING SQUAD. IT'S AN HONOUR TO MEET THE LEADER OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS

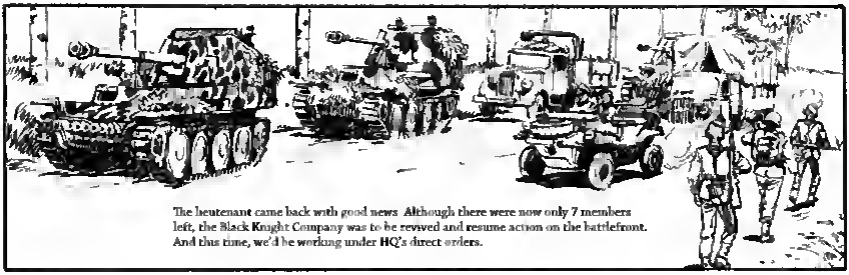
SPECIAL ORDER? THAT WOULDN'T BE TAKING ME OFF TO A FIRING SQUAD EXECUTION NOW WOULD IT?
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS SIR, BUT LET'S MAINTAIN SOME HOPE

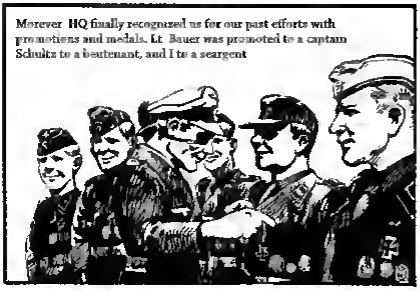
Episode 9
Black Knights Reborn

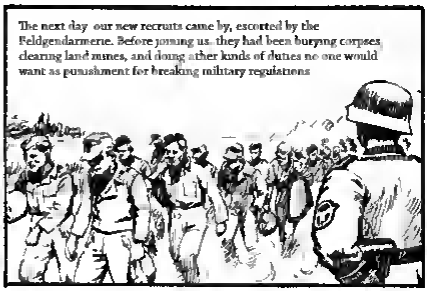
Sgt., where's Lt. Bauer?
He's been ordered to go to HQ Kurz, your second button is loose.

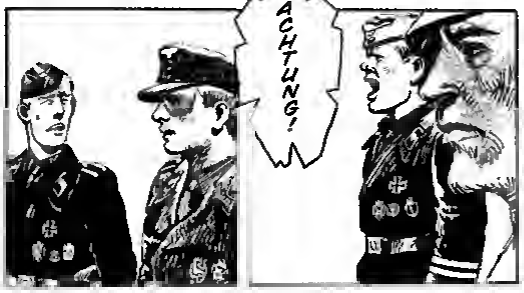

Du wirst lachen -
heute ist Sonntag!
Wagenhalleplatz
Stab W

Ah, good to see you safe and sound, Lt. Have a seat.
No, thank you, sir. I'm fine standing.
So... Feel like driving same panzers again? You da, dan't you?
Is that an order, sir?
No, that's up to you to decide, Lt.
Then I will respectfully decline the offer, sir.
Don't be so damn stubborn. Listen to your father once in a while or your mother will grieve.
Good, come this way.


The lieutenant came back with good news. Although there were now only 7 members left, the Black Knight Company was to be revived and resume action on the battlefront. And this time, we'd be working under HQ's direct orders.


Morever, HQ finally recognized us for our past efforts with promotions and medals. Lt. Bauer was promoted to a captain, Schultz to a lieutenant, and I to a seargent.


The next day, our new recruits came by, escorted by the Feldgendarmerie. Before joining us, they had been burying corpses, clearing land mines, and doing other kinds of duties no one would want as punishment for breaking military regulations.

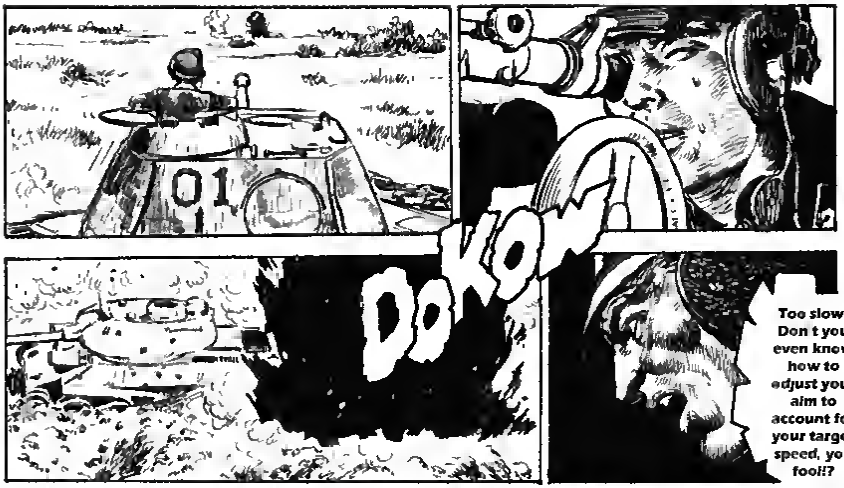

ACHTUNG!

WAKE UP, RUNTS!

DON'T TOUCH THEM! THESE ARE MY MEN! NOW SCRAM BEFORE I COUNT TO 10, UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE SHOT!
Dammit, we'll remember this!
HURRAY!
Welcome, comrades! I am Capt. Bauer, the commander of the Black Knight Company! Like many of you, my company had also been punished for disobeying orders and was reduced to fighting T-34s on foot!
Two months ago, my company had 65 brave soldaten! But only 6 still remain!
And now I order you to fight and die with me for Deutschland .. For your friends, families, and lovers! Fight, and I promise you won't die a dog's death!
カツン
Call out your former rank and name by one! We'll begin the distributing the weapons and supplies right now

DOK-BAKOM
DOK-BAKOM
FIRST PLATOON! YOUR FIRING TOO LOW TO THE GROUND! FIX YOUR AIM!
BK1 to BK2, warrent officer! How's your StuG platoon faring!?
Capt., these men have been digging graves too long! they can't even drive one StuG even if their lives depended on it!
Kurz! Give these Dummkopfe a little warning shot!

BAKOOOOM!
AGHH!
Bk1 to Gelb platoon! use the damn terrain for cover or I'll keep shooting! If you've got a problem then you can go back to cleaning filth!
Scheiße! I'd rather go back to cleaning shit than die from friendly fire!
Fuck that! I ain't going back ta that ever again!
Kurz, its your turn. The gunner for the commander's tank needs to have the best aim in the whole company. Driver, start driving at half-speed!
Won't that make it too hard for him to hit us?
Don't be stupid. The enemies in a real battle aren't gonna sit still.
Vooooooo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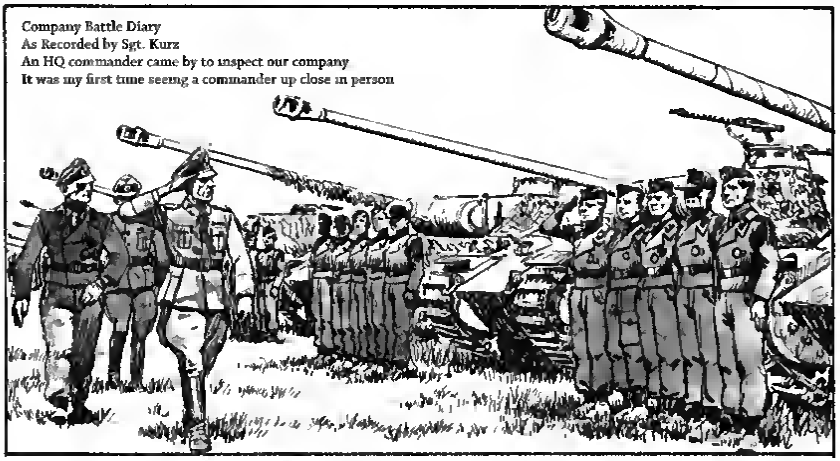
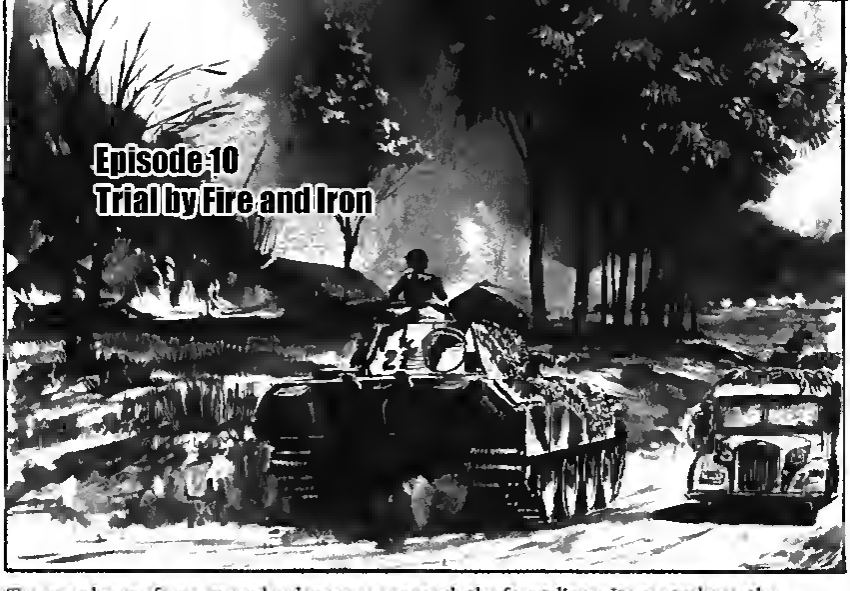
DoKOW!!
Too slow! Don't you even know how to adjust your aim to account for your target speed, you fool!?

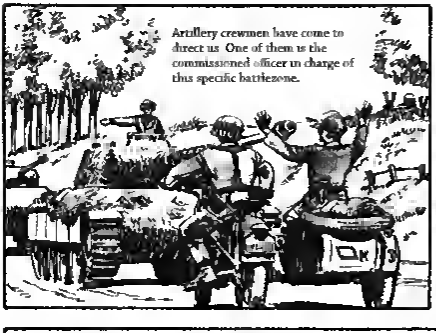

Company Battle Diary
As Recorded by Sgt. Kurz
An HQ commander came by to inspect our company
It was my first time seeing a commander up close in person

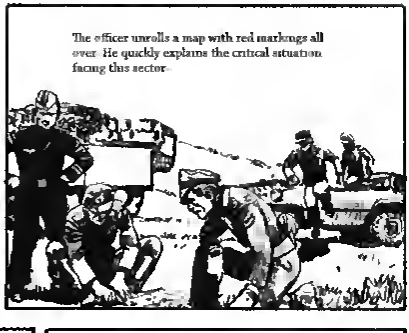
So what do you think? Are they up to standards?
All the training in the world's useless compared to real battle-experience
Can't you ever change your ways? I've already lost two sons. You're the only son left to succeed our household now.

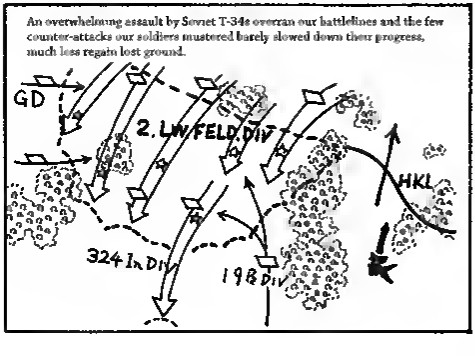
If you just gave me the word, I could give you a desk job in the reserves or make you a panzer-instructor away from the front-lines.
I've already let over half my company members die, father. I can't allow myself to live the easy life.
P.S. The commander sharing the same last name as our captain didn't give Capt. Bauer a formal salute but merely shook his hand when leaving.
Afterwards, we received a generous supply of ammunition like never before, perhaps due in part to us now working directly for HQ.
HQ then sent us the order to depart for the front lines
Capt. Bauer's arm cut throught the air twice.
"Onwards, Black Knights!"



The symphony of war grows louder as we approach the front lines. Its contrabass, the field artillery shelling. Its drums, the Nebelwerfer and Stalin's organs. 88m rounds whizz across the sky though the screams of soldiers are yet unheard. 100m left to go!






An overwhelming assault by Soviet T-34s overran our battlelines and the few counter-attacks our soldiers mustered barely slowed down their progress, much less regain lost ground.
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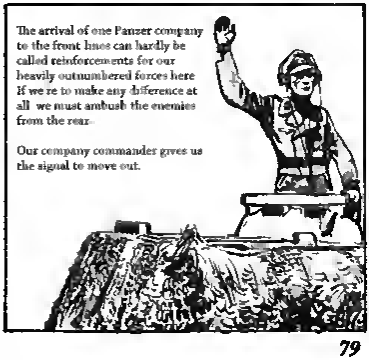
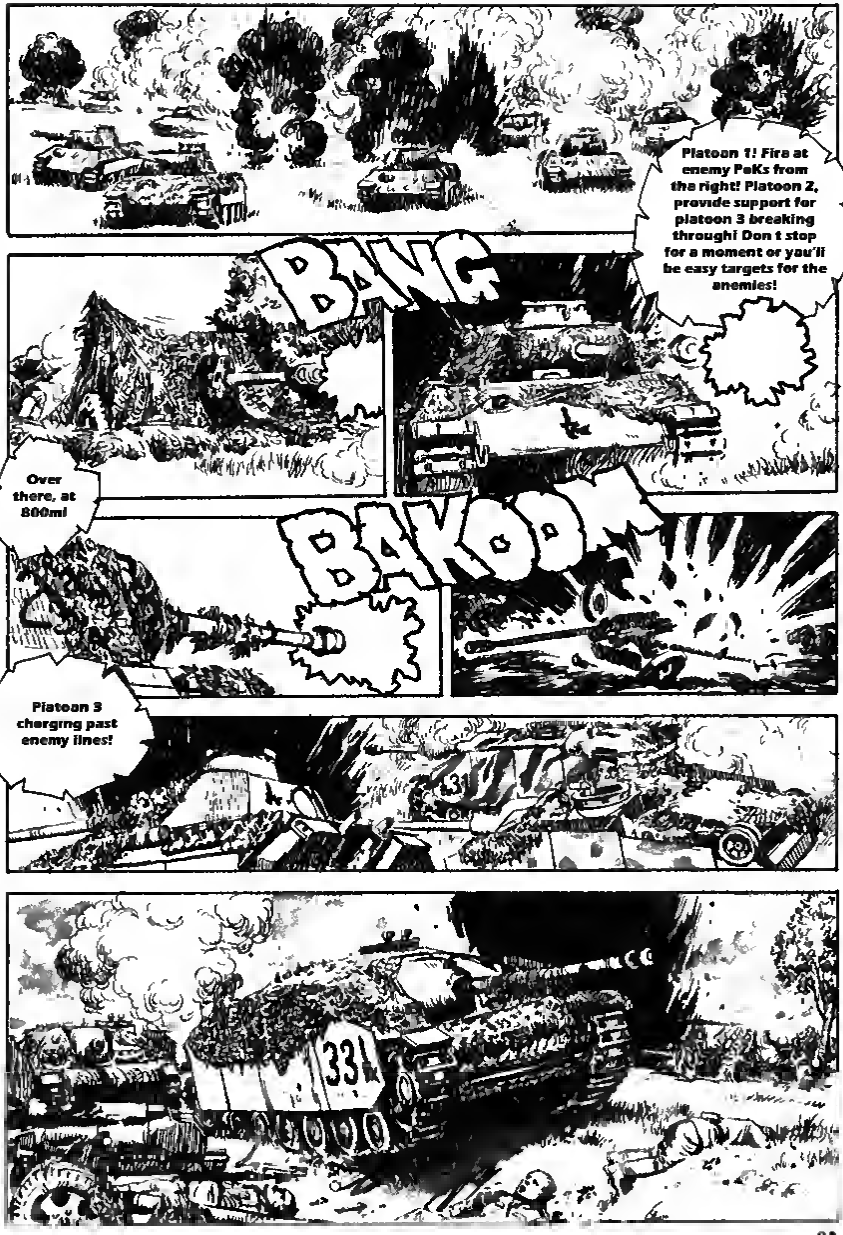
2. LW FELD DIV
HKL
324 In DIV
198 DIV


The arrival of one Panzer company to the front lines can hardly be called reinforcements for our heavily outnumbered forces here. If we're to make any difference at all, we must ambush the enemies from the rear.
Our company commander gives us the signal to move out.

BAKOM BAKOOOM BTHOOOM BUH-KOO
Don t shrink from Stalin s organs! Once we clear this defensive bombardment, platoons 1 and 2 are to assume panzerkeil formation. Platoon 3 will trail by as reinforcements!
BUH-KOOM
Don't slow down! Follow my lead!
BTHOOM
BAKOM
BAKOOOM

BK1 to all units! Assume battle formation!
BK2 to BK1! Your rear is unsupported!
Damn these useless, yellow-bellied slowpokes!
!
Scheiße! Enemy PzK at 12 o'clock! Pull back!
BAKOM
BTHOOM
No, you idiot! Don't do a U-turn! Do you want them to hit your rear!?
BAKOM
DOKOM
BAOM

Sgt. Major! Station yoerself at oer rear!
Roger that, Capt. In position to fire at fellow BKs if needed!
BK1 to all units! Advance at full speed unless you want to be blown to smithereens!
C-christ! Step on the pedal! He's serious!
VOORROOO
Good, keep advancing! Any coward who turns tail will be shot down by your Sgt. Major!
BTHOOM
DOKAN


Platoon 1! Fire at enemy PaKs from the right! Platoon 2, provide support for platoon 3 breaking through! Don't stop for a moment or you'll be easy targets for the enemies!
BANG
Over there, at 800m!
BAKOOM
Platoon 3 charging past enemy lines!
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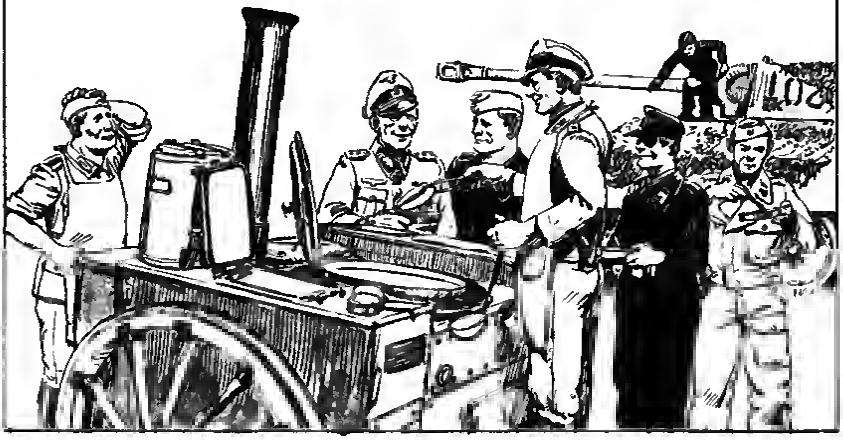
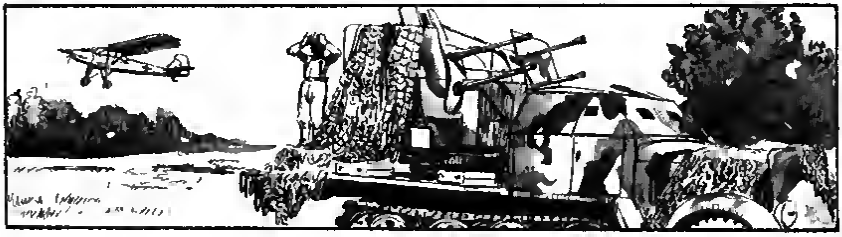
Military HQ
Black Knights report that they've successfully broken through the Soviet pakfront with no losses and are now headed to hit the main body's rear
JUST WHAT IS HE PLANNING,, !?
Kurz, you see that?
Is that the enemy's rear-guard?
Yes, and it's also our next target
BK1 to all units! Check your status since we'll be attacking the enemy rear guard!
Once the main enemy forces realize they've been separated from their rear-guard, they'll stop advancing and turn around. And soon they'll all be coming after us.
Noo! I— I'm sick! Get me outta here!
Shut your damn mouth! We're all sick here! Sick of this war! But as long as you're our loader, you aren't going anywhere!

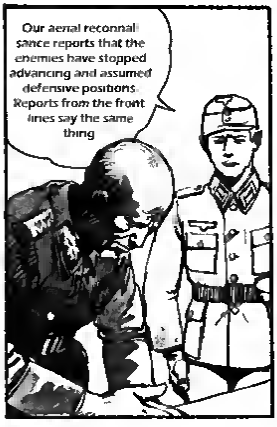
This is #32! Battle preparations complete!
Gelbe Platoon is ready for action!
Rot and Blau Platoons are also ready!
Hey Capt.! Know any good mobile field kitchens around here?
BK1 to all units! Once this mission s over. I'll treat all of you men to a feast!
Just in case, the cover for the emergency fire switc was d..ened.
Rot and Blau will support Gelbe's initial charge! Now let's have some fun!
The loader stood by holding a 75mm round to quickly reload for the next shot.
The gunner read ed h s a m through the periscope.
And th driver f ..ol on the right ab a l

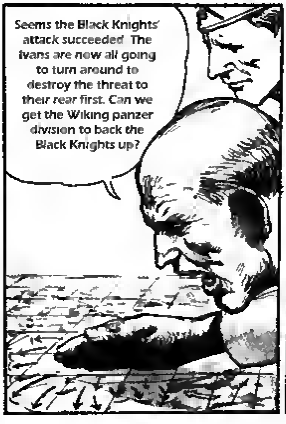
FIRE!
BAOOM
BU-KOOM
BTH-OOM
BAKOOM
GBOBOBBBBBP
BUKOW
BOBOBOBOBOBO
The engagement ended in our crushing victory
But the true battle had only just begun—

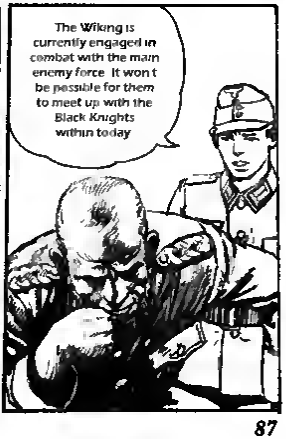
Episode 11
Deadly Pakfront Bombardment



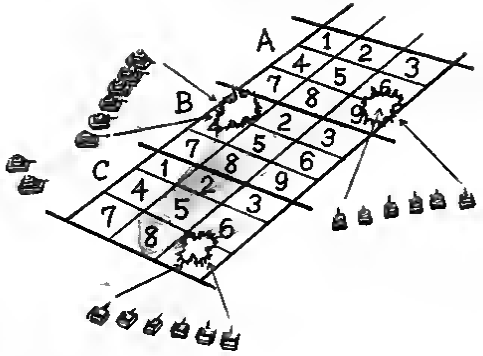


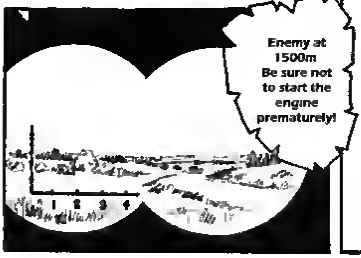

Our aerial reconnaissance reports that the enemies have stopped advancing and assumed defensive positions. Reports from the front lines say the same thing

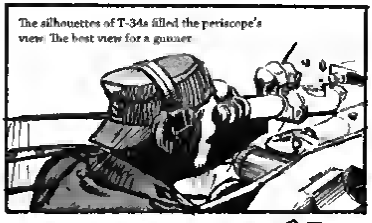

Seems the Black Knights' attack succeeded. The Ivans are now all going to turn around to destroy the threat to their rear first. Can we get the Wiking panzer division to back the Black Knights up?

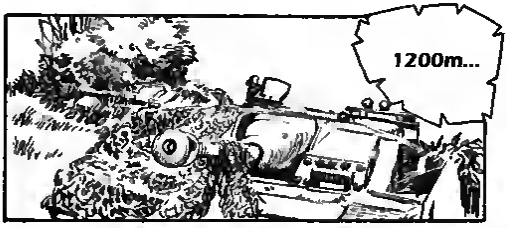

The Wiking is currently engaged in combat with the main enemy force. It won't be possible for them to meet up with the Black Knights within today

The Black Knights were lying in wait to spring an ambush. For inexperienced tank crews, this was the safest and most effective method of engaging the enemies. The company was divided up into platoons, who would each be assigned a fire-zone. When any enemy tanks entered that zone, all guns would concentrate fire to eliminate them almost instantly. This system of scouting and concentrated fire was known as the PaKfront, one of the most effective tactics for panzer divisions in the war.









ROT PLATOON! FIRE!
BARM BAOM
BLAU PLATOON! FIRE!
BAOM
BAKOOM
BTH-OOOM BAKOOM BAOOM DOM
KATYUSHA 3 TO RED STAR! THE GERMANS ARE ATTACK-ING!
211
262
GELB PLATOON! FIRE!
BAOOM
DIRECT HIT! DIRECT HIT!
BUH-K90M

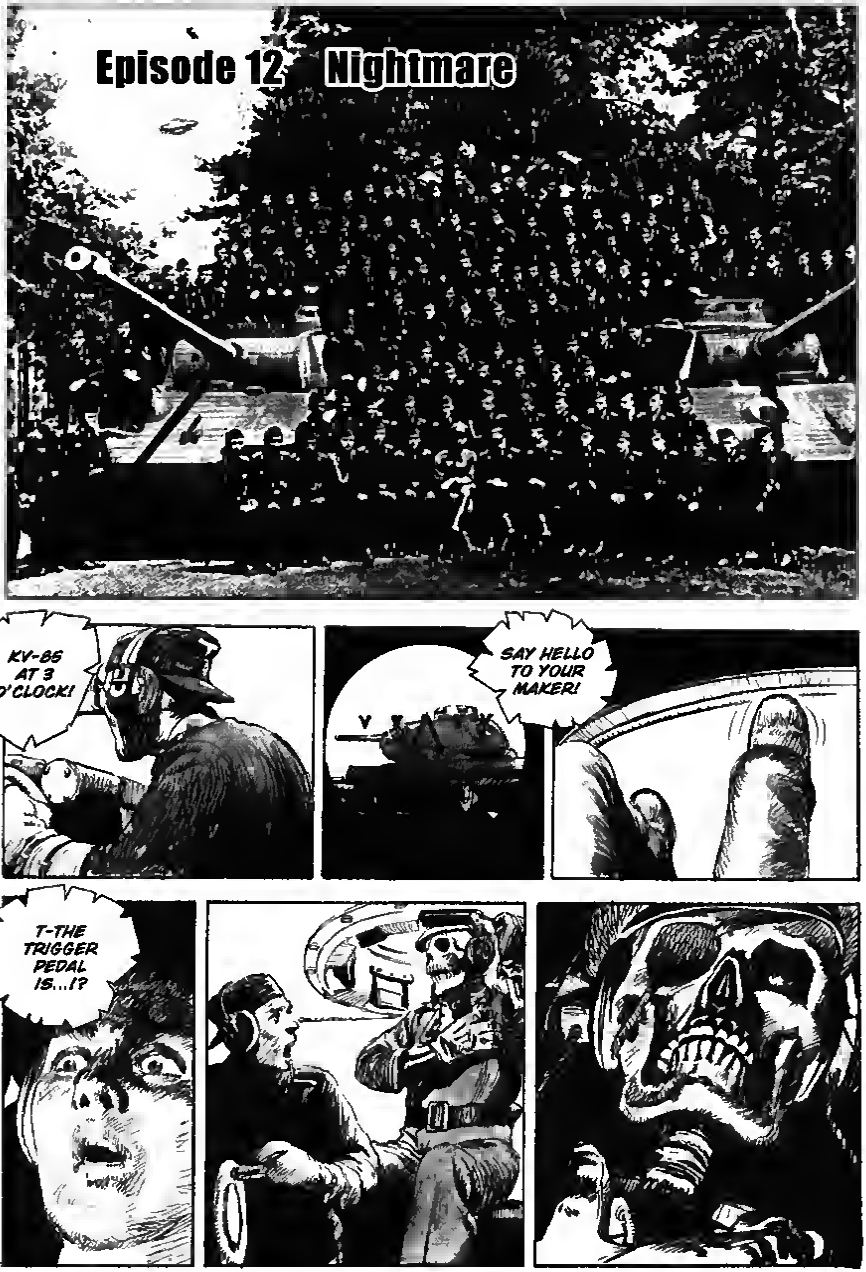
Rot platoon, change aim to sector A-3, distance to 600m!
GEBOBOBOBOBOBO
DOKOKOKOKO
BAOM
Blau to Geib! Some injured ivans heading your way!
BERIYA 6! CHARGE AT ENEMIES!
Quickly! The enemies are charging this way!
We're all gonna die!
Get a grip on yourself, soldier!
AGHHH!
BAKOOM

BKI TO GELB! DO YOU RESPOND!?
BUH-KOOM
133
THEY'RE HEADED THIS WAY! TURN TO THE RIGHT!
CAN'T YOU SEE 'EM!?
BLAU 1 TO BLAU 2! DO YOU RESPOND!?
WE'RE DONE FOR! RUN FOR IT!
SILENCE!
BKI TO ROT 1! SUPPORT GELB PLATOON!
WE'VE GOT OUR HANDS FULL HERE, COMMANDER!
SON OF A BITCH! BKZ, GO PROVIDE SUPPORT! WE'RE CHARGING IN!
ROGER!

ENEMY AT 1 O'CLOCK, DISTANCE OF 500M!
TAKE CARE OF 'EM, KURZ!
ROGER!
BAKOOOM
NICE SHOT!
DOOM
BARM
BANG
2 O'CLOCK! QUICKLY, KURZ!

BUM-KOOOM
DIRECT HIT!
BK1 to all platoons! Give casualty reports, then collect your wounded and get out from there!
Blau 3 on fire after taking a hit. Rot 2 incapable of further action
MORE ENEMIES COMING! 1500M AWAY!
BK1 TO ALL PLATOONS! RETREAT SOUTH, BK1 WILL PROVIDE COVERING FIRE!
BK2 WILL ALSO PROVIDE COVERING FIRE!
Very well, Sgt. Major. This may be our final moments. Let us do our duty

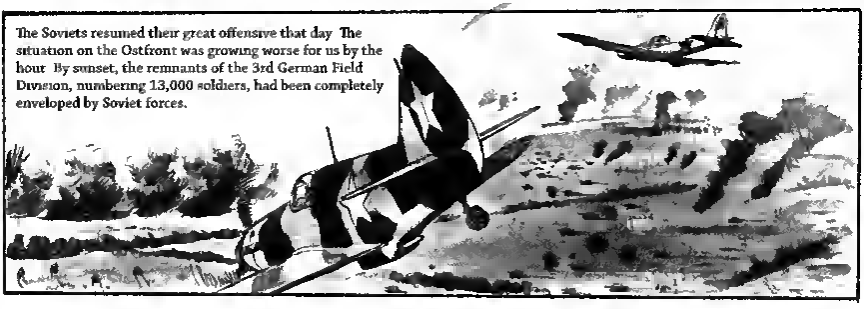
Lohengrin to Black Knights! Do you respond!? This is Lohengrin!
Sorry to leave the knights of the round table hanging for so long. Let us handle things here.
Corporal, what is Gelb platoon's casualty report?
Only a few lightly wounded sir!
Good work, soldier!

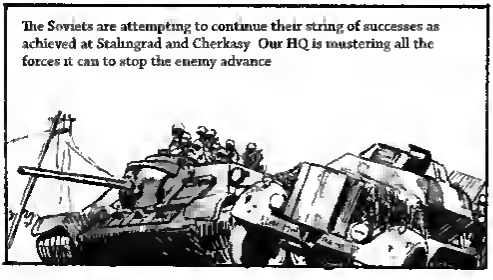

Episode 12 Nightmare
KV-85 AT 3 O'CLOCK!
SAY HELLO TO YOUR MAKER!
T-THE TRIGGER PEDAL IS...!?

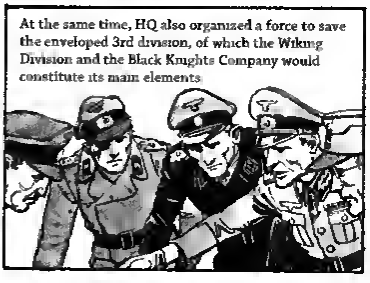
Wake up, Kurz It s time to go

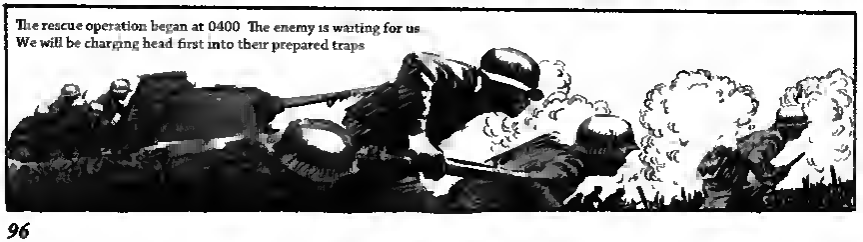
What's wrong? You look unwell

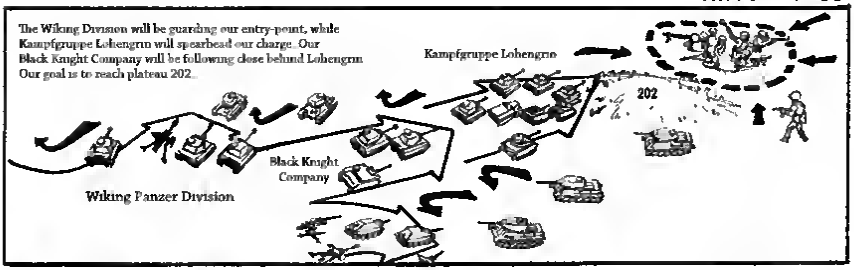
N.. No. I'm fine


The Soviets resumed their great offensive that day The situation on the Ostfront was growing worse for us by the hour By sunset, the remnants of the 3rd German Field Division, numbering 13,000 soldiers, had been completely enveloped by Soviet forces.


The Soviets are attempting to continue their string of successes as achieved at Stalingrad and Cherkasy Our HQ is mustering all the forces it can to stop the enemy advance


At the same time, HQ also organized a force to save the enveloped 3rd division, of which the Wiking Division and the Black Knights Company would constitute its main elements


The rescue operation began at 0400 The enemy is waiting for us We will be charging head first into their prepared traps


The Wiking Division will be guarding our entry-point, while Kampfgruppe Lohengrin will spearhead our charge. Our Black Knight Company will be following close behind Lohengrin. Our goal is to reach plateau 202.
Kampfgruppe Lohengrin
202
Black Knight Company
Wiking Panzer Division

Boom
Boom
Boom
103
106

THIS IS INSANE, LOHENGRIN WILL GET WIPED OUT...
To our comrades, the New Black Knight Company, we sincerely congratulate your company's revival and return to the battlefield.
However, we ask to Capt. Bauer and all the knights who follow him, why do you fight? Do you fight for the army that treated you so coldly?
Your motives are baffling. You are already deep in the witch's cauldron. It is only a matter of time before your complete annihilation. You must not waste your lives away. Lay down your weapons and surrender!
To my dear Black Knights, we speak to you as a comrade. We wish nothing more than to welcome you from the depths of our hearts. Lay down your weapons and surrender!

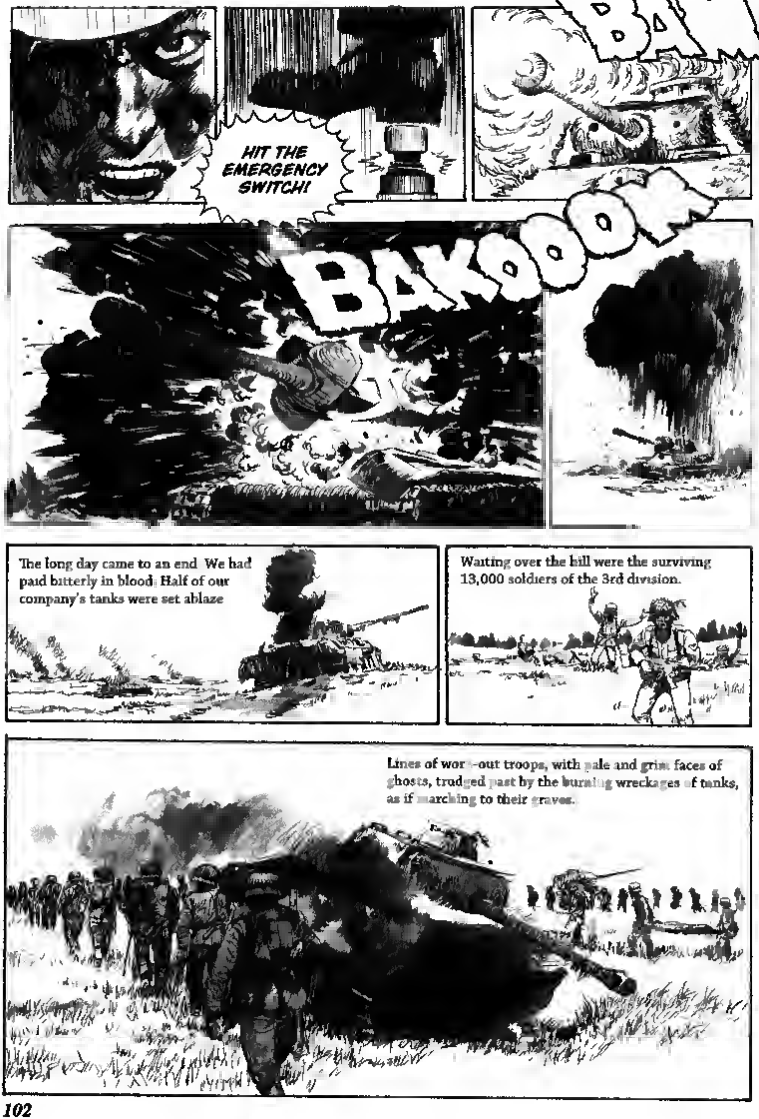
I'm gettin' sick of listening to this. Change the channel to Band-D2.

Lohengrin to Black Knights! Take the hill to your f- GAHHH!
LOHENGRIN!? ARE YOU THERE? BLACK KNIGHTS, ADVANCE AT FULL SPEED!
BAKOM BAKOM BTHOOOM
DON'T MIND WHAT'S ON YOUR LEFT OR RIGHT! JUST CHARGE STRAIGHT AHEAD!
BUH-KOOM
BAKOOM
WOOOOOOOO

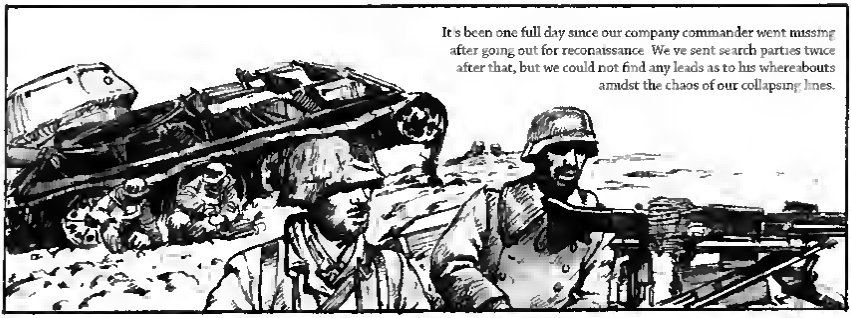
PAK AT 3 O'CLOCK!
BARM
AGHH!
BAKOM
ENEMY TANKS AT 2 O'CLOCK!
BAM
LEAVE THE ENEMY PAK ALONE! OUR GOAL IS THE HILL!
BK21 RETURN FIRE WITH BLAU AND GELB PLATOONS NERE AT THIS SPOT
DOKOM
BAOM
THIS IS BK21 ROGER THAT!
ROT PLATOON FOLLOW ME! WE'LL BE TURNING TOWARDS TNE OPPOSITE DIRECTION!

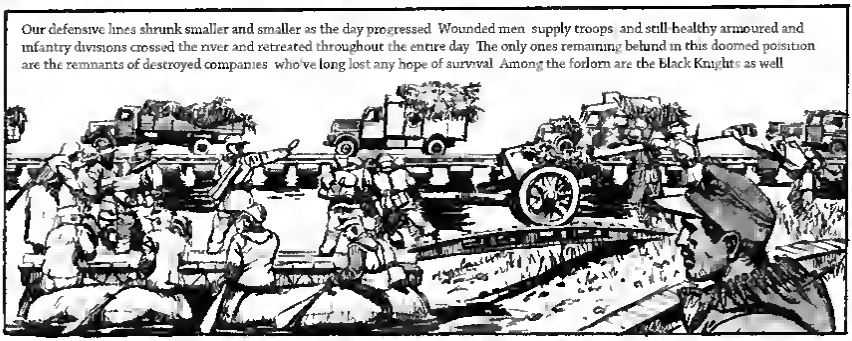
ENEMY MINE! ROT-2 IS OUT OF ACTION!
KEEP ADVANCING NO MATTER WHAT!
BUM-BOOM
124
94
BTH-OOOM
Shit. it's a 122mm gun! Where is it?
Over there! At 12 o clock!
DDH
BUOM
KURZ! SHOOT!

CLOCH !
BOARRRRR BAKOM
BUM-KOOOOM
FIRE!
CLOCH !
CLOCH !
BTM-OOOOM


HIT THE EMERGENCY SWITCH!
BAM
BAKOOOM
The long day came to an end. We had paid bitterly in blood. Half of our company's tanks were set ablaze
Waiting over the hill were the surviving 13,000 soldiers of the 3rd division.
Lines of worn-out troops, with pale and grim faces of ghosts, trudged past by the burning wreckages of tanks, as if marching to their graves.

Episode 13
Black Knight's Black Wednesday


It's been one full day since our company commander went missing after going out for reconaissance. We've sent search parties twice after that, but we could not find any leads as to his whereabouts amidst the chaos of our collapsing lines.


Our defensive lines shrunk smaller and smaller as the day progressed. Wounded men, supply troops, and still-healthy armoured and infantry divisions crossed the river and retreated throughout the entire day. The only ones remaining behind in this doomed poisition are the remnants of destroyed companies, who've long lost any hope of survival. Among the forlorn are the Black Knights as well.

ENEMY AIR RAID!

DAMN YOU ALL!

Do you hear that? Damn Ivans are singing...
Why wouldn't they be? I sang too when we were advancing on Moscow. This engine's dead for good
Halt! Do you have the permit to cross?
BAKOOM
BAKOOM
ENEMY ATTACK!
HECKEL TO JECKLE! ENEMY TANKS AT SECTORS G, H, AND M!
FIRE!

BK2 to BK1! Did you see that, Kurz!? PaK fire didn t do jack shit!
Roger! Will try firing again at 1200m!
Enemy tanks!
Don t run or you ll be shot!
BUM-KOOM
BT-DOOM
Direct hit! They re retreating!
Squad 1, advance!
RTATATATA

Incoming enemies! Fall back!
BAOM
DOM
Christ! They're stepping over their own comrades!
BAOM
BAKOOM

This is BK1! Respond immediately if anyone's there! This is BK1!
Fuck this, let's get outta here!
Quickly! The last barge is about to leave!
SCHNELL!
BANG!
H... HELP!

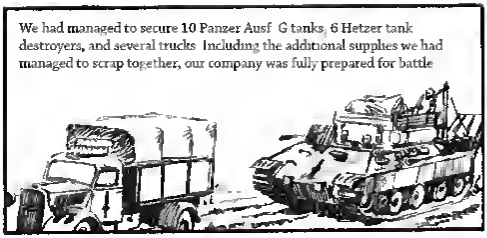
HELP
COMRADES
Advance in an orderly line!
What company did you belong to?
What happened to your company's supplies, Lt ?
What is this, a court martial?
My entire company's been destroyed and you're asking for permit orders to withdrawl?
Hand over your military journal to them, Sgt.
Hmm... So what happened to the tanks in your company?
Did you lose your company along with all its ammunition and supplies?
I was forced to abandon my tank due to engine failure There were only 5~6 rounds of 75mm left.
Why didn't you stand and fight to the end?

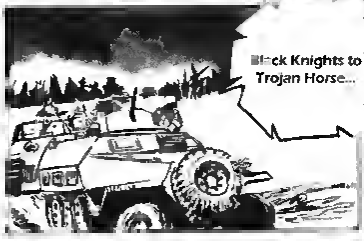
You failed to fulfill your duties Sgt
I respectfully object, sir! I fought as hard as I could!
Then why did you abandon your tank?
Kurz, I've come for you
It's him!
Alright, this farce of a trial's over. The Ivans are already almost here. You must be blind if you're busy persecuting brave Germans now of all times.
This is unacceptable!
Kiss my ass!

Episode 14
Towards the Night
How much longer Kurz? The Ivans are gonna beat us to Berlin at this rate
Won t be much longer sir
Ich bin ein Feigling!
I am a coward!
I'll send you to Valhalla.

I m the commander of the Black Knights! Who s the one in charge here!?
HALT
Get the tanks outfitted! Quickly, this isn t kindergarten!
Whoa, virgin tanks!
Huh, what's with this tank?
What's wrong?
It's got no radio
This one too. And no batteries either
Sons of bitches! The guards ran off!
Platoon 3, search for any salvageable equipment. Platoon 2, look for any extra fuel and ammunition
Platoon 1 will put on the camouflage and Platoon 3 will service the Hetzers. Don t forget to number the turrets

BTH-000
At 0400 hours, we destroyed the panzer supply outpost and moved out with our newly equipped tanks.


We had managed to secure 10 Panzer Ausf G tanks, 6 Hetzer tank destroyers, and several trucks. Including the additional supplies we had managed to scrap together, our company was fully prepared for battle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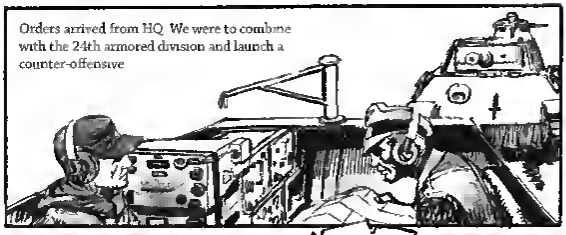
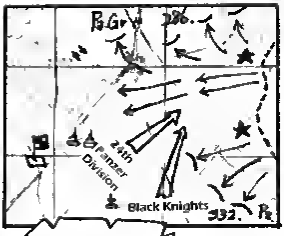

Orders arrived from HQ. We were to combine with the 24th armored division and launch a counter-offensive


24th Panzer Division
Black Knights
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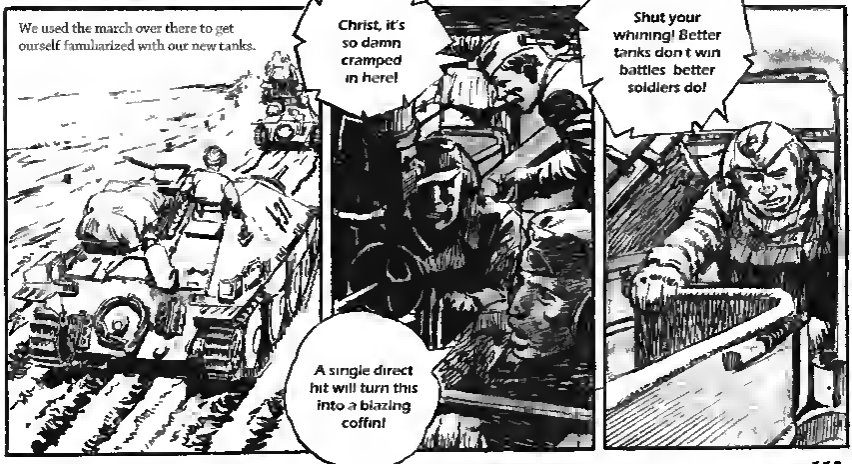

We used the march over there to get ourself familarized with our new tanks.
Christ, it's so damn cramped in here!
Shut your whining! Better tanks don't win battles better soldiers do!
A single direct hit will turn this into a blazing coffin!

Halt! Kurz, advance first!
Yes, sir!
Turn left when I give you the signal
AGHH!
BA-DUM
NOW, KURZ!
TURN LEFT!
BAKOOM

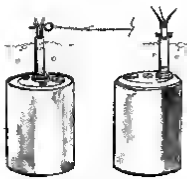
Good, stay there and cover us as we take a detour and advance
This is BK2, we may have a problem.
I think the tracks are caught on something
What's wrong? Is your tank damaged?
We're just about in the red area Can you pick up anything?
Nope, nothing but static
Rot 3 to BK1 I hear engine noises to your right

It's probably just the 24th armoured division. Their codename is Stray Sheep. Try calling out to them.
What're they playing at? They're responding in Russian.
You idiot! That's not the 24th division! It's the enemies! Stall for time!
I can speak a bit of Ukranian.
Stelner, go tell the other tanks to fire to their right wing upon the white flash.
DaKoKo
DaKoKo

PAK!
Enemy targets will be between 2 and 4 o'clock!
BARM
BARM
BAOM
BTH-OOOOM
DOOOOOM
DOOM
FIRE THE S-MINE!
PAM

S-Mine

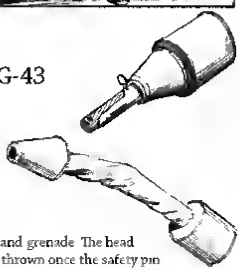
Anti personnel landmine which, when triggered will fly up into the air and spray 350 steel balls



SMi 35 SMi-44

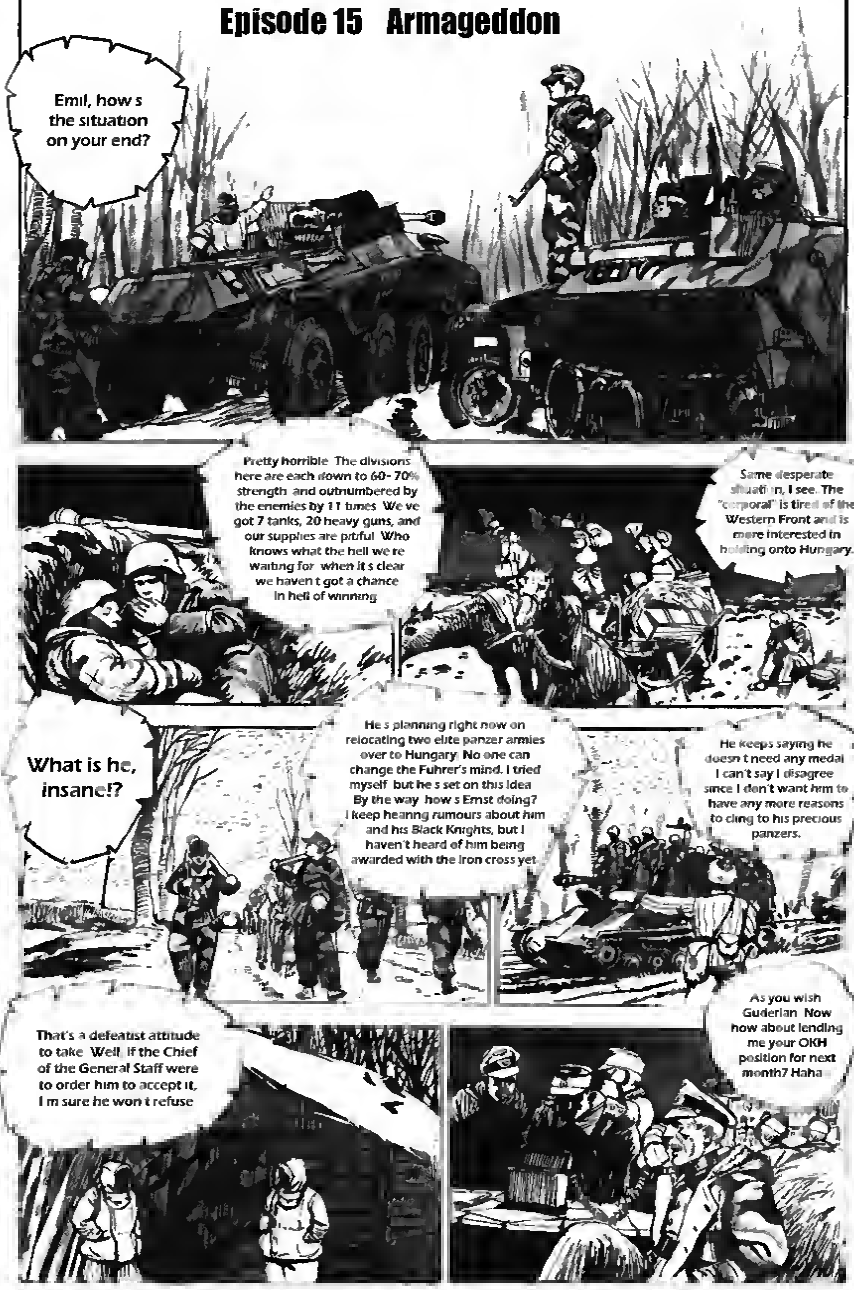
A simple but highly effective weapon carrying many shrapnel Pictured left are two models one triggered by a tripwire the other by a 3 pronged pressure fuse

RPG-43



Soviet anti tank HEAT hand grenade The head slides off the lever when thrown once the safety pin is removed Its simple but effective design allowed its long survival well into post WW2 years

Episode 15 Armageddon


Emil, how s the situation on your end?
Pretty horrible The divisions here are each down to 60- 70% strength and outnumbered by the enemies by 11 times We ve got 7 tanks, 20 heavy guns, and our supplies are pitiful Who knows what the hell we re waiting for when it s clear we haven t got a chance in hell of winning
Same desperate situation, I see. The "corporal" is tired of the Western Front and is more interested in holding onto Hungary.
What is he, insane!?
He s planning right now on relocating two elite panzer armies over to Hungary No one can change the Fuhrer's mind. I tried myself but he s set on this idea By the way how s Ernst doing? I keep hearing rumours about him and his Black Knights, but I haven't heard of him being awarded with the Iron cross yet
He keeps saying he doesn t need any medal I can't say I disagree since I don't want him to have any more reasons to cling to his precious panzers.
That's a defeatist attitude to take Well if the Chief of the General Staff were to order him to accept it, I m sure he won t refuse
As you wish Guderian Now how about lending me your OKH position for next month? Haha

January 10, 1945

Captain Ernst von Bauer
In your time in the Eastern Front, you have overcome all challenges and saved countless companies and divisions. The valour of you and your Black Knights cannot be understated

On behalf of the entire army and under the authority of the Chief of the General Staff, I present to you the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross, surely a fitting medal for the living embodiment of courage, leadership, and excellence

Issued by General Emil von Bauer,
Acting under authority of Chief of the General Staff
Heinz Guderian

Look, they're doing some ceremony
Who cares?
Whoa, it's the Black Knights.
They saved my life in Berezina
It was in Petrovsk for me
Me too!

Ernst, I couldn't be prouder to call you my son. This might be a relic of the Great War from my younger years, but here. I want you to have it.
BANG BANG
BANG BANG

The exploits of we Black Knights was forever carved into military history that day It was truly the best day in my life Although only 10 of us were Black Knights from the beginning, everyone around us celebrated all the same

January 15 1945 The Soviets begin their winter offensive The once-secure German Eastern Lines crumble and Poland is completely lost

Our Army Group North was renamed Army Group Courland after being isolated in there while Army Group Center was renamed Army Group North to take its place Regardless of the name change the result was same From North in East Prussia to South on Breslau the Soviet offensive swept our weakened and outnumbered troops away like a tsunami

Kurz, we've somehow managed to beat back the first wave but the next one will be impossible
Edelweiss to Black Knights, respond at once

Black Knights responding!
You are to withdraw and assist the Volkssturm who are forming up a second battle line behind the HKL.
You're involving untrained mobs of militia? My Black Knights will stay here
*Haupt Kampf Line- Main Battle Line
They're not mobs, they're our patriotic defense bat tallion. In any case, they re far better off with a gun in hand than being unarmed. I repeat, you are to withdraw from your position!
Damn that son of a bitch! We ve done nothing but retreat since yesterday! I swear to god I ll have him push this tank if it breaks down or runs out of fuel!
BK1 to Gelb Platoon follow after me! The rest stay here on alert.
And these here are the brave warriors of the Hitlerjugend
How old are you?
I m the oldest here at 16, sir!
SPAM
BANG!

Listen up, brats! The damn Ivans will be far meaner than me so throw down your arms and go home!
Hey! I'll report you for this!
POW!
Snap out of your deluded mindset and get a move on or the Ivans will beat us back to Berlin!
Sgt. Major, I'm going back to the front lines. Watch over these people for me.
I'm Sgt. Major Schultz and I'll be leading you men for the time being. Always address me by my proper rank, got that!?
It's about 50m from here to that wagon over there. Make sure not to open fire until the Soviet tanks come within 50m.

BK2 to BK1! We've captured a Soviet fuel supply truck! Come quick!
Great job, Kurz!
QWAK! QWABBB! QWAW...
Enemy attack!

BAKOM
101
BAFUM
BARM
BTH-OO
BADOOM
Our lines must have been penetrated! Here come the enemy tanks!
VOOM VOOM
BRRRR

BTHOOOM
Aim low at the base of their turrets!
Rot Platoon, you've got enemies to your rear! Shit, I can't see through all this smoke!
BAOM
BUHKOOM!
QWAK

BAOM
11 O'CLOCK AT 150M!
121
FIRE!
BTHO
BAKO
DON'T STOP MOVING OR YOU'LL BE KILLED BY ENEMIES TO YOUR REAR!
BAKOOM

BTHOOOOOM
BUHOOOOOM
ULLAAA
DON'T SHOOT, YOU'LL GIVE AWAY OUR POSITION!
BAOM DOKOKOKOKO
DAMN IVANS!

BAOOOO
MORE GUESTS AT 300M! AIM WELL AND FIRE!
BARM
BAOM
BAOM
QWAK
QWAM!
LOOK AT THAT SLOPED FRONTAL ARMOUR! IT'S A NEW MODEL!
W-WHAT? IT BOUNCED OFF!
BAKOOOOM
SHIT, THEY FOUND US!
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN SURVIVE A BLAST AT POINT-BLANK DISTANCE! ADVANCE!

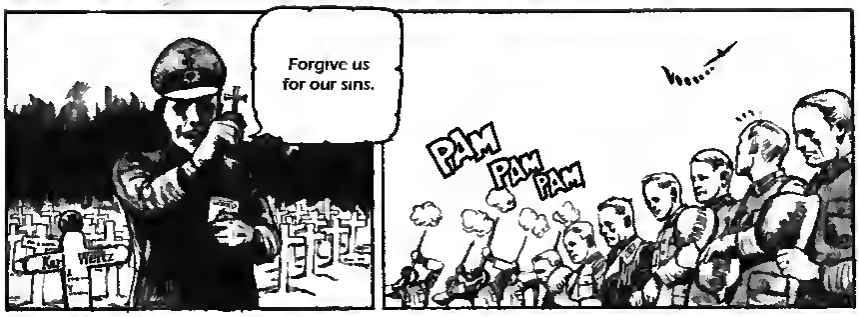
BK1 IS HIT! EVACUATE NOW!
BA-KOOOO
BOM
WAOOOOOOOO
OHHH!
C'MON, STEP ON IT! WE NEED MORE SPEED!

50m! Aim just below the turret!
Watch out for the trench!
Son of a...
BLHOOOM

BAKOOOOM
BAOM
024
It needs one more hit!
Direct hit!
The commander's tank is on fire!

02
Quickly! We've got no ammunition left!
How's our company's condition?
I don't know Cpt. I've lost contact with Schultz
C... Capt... K... Kill me...

Final Chapter
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

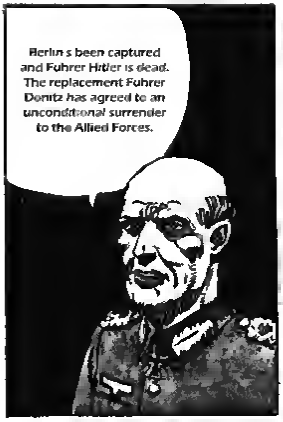

Forgive us for our sins.
PAM PAM PAM

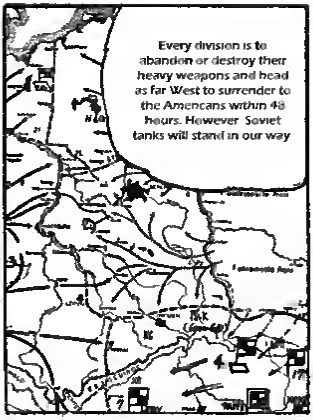
BAM BAM BAM

Ha, a dud! Ain't we lucky!?

CURSE YOU ALL TO HELL!

Gentlemen this war is lost Send the message out to every division at once


Berlin s been captured and Fuhrer Hitler is dead. The replacement Fuhrer Donitz has agreed to an unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces.


Every division is to abandon or destroy their heavy weapons and head as far West to surrender to the Americans within 48 hours. However Soviet tanks will stand in our way

Thus, I regretfully ask those of you in the rear guard to do your duties for the sake of your people and comrades.

Where'd you get all these tanks Kurz? Did you steal them?
Capt. Bauer's here! Line up, company!
Nice haul, right, Capt? The SS supply and repair company were happy to trade it off to us for some spare clothes.
We are all here as willing volunteers.
Ready to move upon your command, Cpt.
This is my final mission to you Ernst.
Yes, father. I still have one working tank to hold the Soviets off. Please give my best regards to mother and Enge

Kurz, can you see the truck at 2 o'clock?
Ah. I see the mark! Our troops must have all passed here as well
Right, and it'll be the Ivans next...
Don't think of this war as over just yet, men.
Let us show them the spirit of Germany's finest panzer company! We'll flank them as they cross here
May God be with us...
Black Knight Company! Chaaarge!

BAOOOM
DON'T FALL BEHIND, BKZ!
I'LL FOLLOW YOU TO HELL ITSELF, CAPT! T-34 AT ONE O'CLOCK! FIRE!
BAKOM
DIRECT HIT! STALIN AT 2 O'CLOCK!
DIRECT HIT!

BUHOOOM
OUR TRACK'S BEEN HIT!
PAY NO HEED! AS LONG AS WE CAN STILL SHOOT, WE CAN STILL FIGHT!
BK1 TO BK2! I'LL COVER YOU SO YOU MEN GET OUT OF HERE!
CAPTAIN!
CAPT. BAUER, PLEASE RESPOND!
You brave knights have already gone above and beyond your duties, but the Third Reich is not worth dying for.
Survive for the sake of a new Germany! Sieg Heil!

BTHSOOM
BAGOOOM
PAM
хлеб за хлеб,
кровь за кровь!
(bread for bread,
blood for blood)
Stop that, comrade! This man is a surviving Black Knight!
The war's over Nyemtsy Go bury your commander

HALT
Hauptm.
ERNST v. BAUER
RITTERKREUZTRAGER
* 28.1.1913
† 9.5.1945
Begr.: Die Schwarze Ritter
Might you be Kurz Weber?

World War 3 in Japan

Soviet Invasion of Japan!

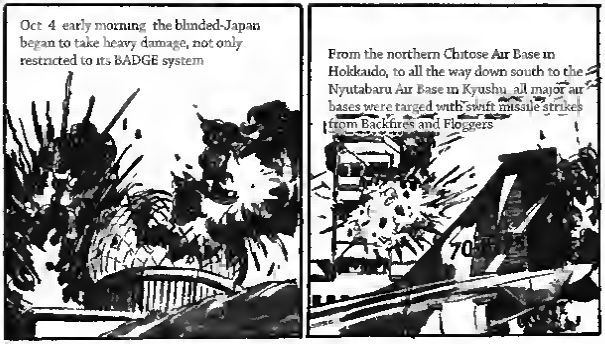
ソ連軍日本上陸！

The wheels were in motion before anyone realized it.
In Mar. 1979, Israel and Egypt signed a peace-treaty in Washington D.C. and outraged Arab oil-producers, led by Saudi Arabia, placed an oil embargo on U.S. and her allies. In response, the U.S. sent its 7th fleet to the Persian Gulf to forcibly secure oil fields. The U.S. 5th air force stationed in Japan also assisted with this operation, further spreading an ominous air throughout Asia. Meanwhile, tensions sparked again along the Sino-Vietnam borders, and the Soviets, who were pro-Vietnam and anti-China, decided to enlarge the war by invading China via the borders in Mongolia and Siberia. However, despite the growing world crisis, the Japanese public was far more concerned at facing its second oil shock since 1973. On Oct. 2 of 198X, the Chinese government requested Japan for naval assistance as part of the Peace and Friendship Treaty between China and Japan. And on Oct. 3, the Soviet government deemed the Japanese response to be hostile and thus forced Japanese diplomats to withdraw back to Japan.

Oct. 4, 0540
025
Patrol flight 025 reporting to control tower. can you hear me? We are currently being pursued by 5 unidentified aircrafts that have trespassed our airspace. I repeat, we are currently being pursued by 5 unidentified aircrafts
They're travelling at a speed of mach 2 and an altitude of 80 000 ft. They will reach this plane in just 7min and 40sec. Requesting immediate reinforcements and emergency protocols.

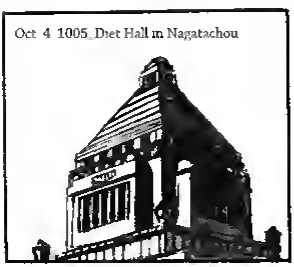
Hey there Any news today?
Specifically on why the Vladivostok report was suddenly cut off?
Seems the American reconnaissance satellite had a malfunction
HOT SCRAMBLE!
Vector seven zero, Angel eight zero, gate, contact charley zero two five, on channel, roger. Direction 70 degrees, altitude 30 000ft, use afterburner, Message using E2C025 and frequency Y1
This is Bravo Leader. I can t see Charley but they're fast-approaching
You are flying in Japanese airspace. Withdraw immediately!

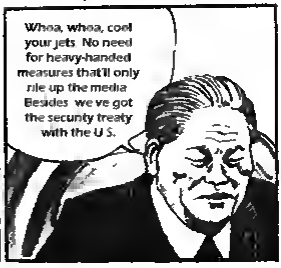
The two F 15s called up as backup disappeared from the radar screen Judging that the F 15s had been shot down the control tower marked a black circle on the control panel but the information was not able to be sent for the 28 radar sites stationed across Japan were soon wiped out They had already been targeted vy various planes or cruise missiles from ships and submarines Japan was now blind


Oct 4 early morning the blinded-Japan began to take heavy damage, not only restricted to its BADGE system
From the northern Chitose Air Base in Hokkaido, to all the way down south to the Nyutabaru Air Base in Kyushu all major air bases were targed with swift missile strikes from Backfires and Floggers

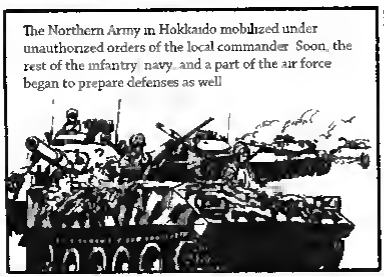
BADGE Base Air Defense Ground Environment

ソ連軍日本上陸！




Whoa, whoa, cool your jets. No need for heavy-handed measures that'll only rile up the media. Besides, we've got the security treaty with the U.S.

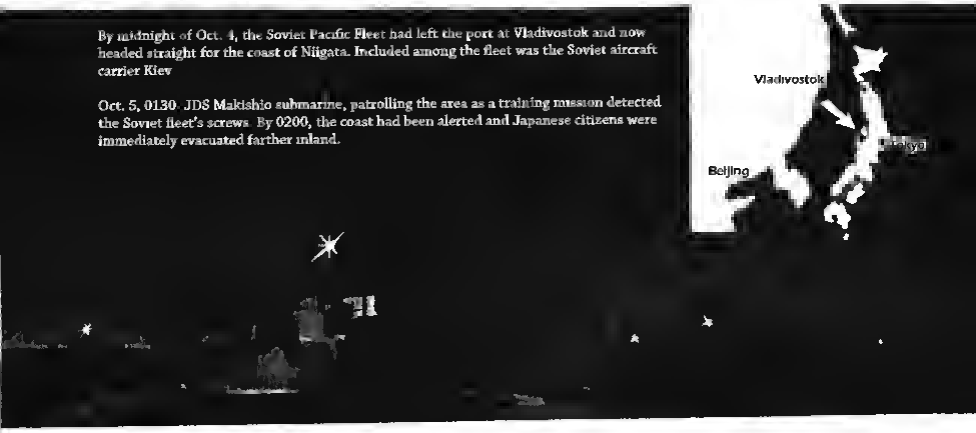
With the bases in Hokkaido destroyed, experts say a Soviet invasion of Hokkaido is only a matter of time.
Shut up. I can't focus.

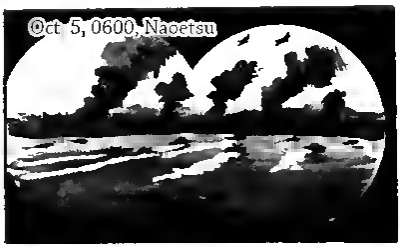

The Northern Army in Hokkaido mobilized under unauthorized orders of the local commander. Soon, the rest of the infantry, navy, and a part of the air force began to prepare defenses as well.

Where's the damn Soviet Pacific Fleet!?
There's nothing we can do against Soviet air superiority, sir! We can't even get a patrol plane up there.

By midnight of Oct. 4, the Soviet Pacific Fleet had left the port at Vladivostok and now headed straight for the coast of Niigata. Included among the fleet was the Soviet aircraft carrier Kiev.

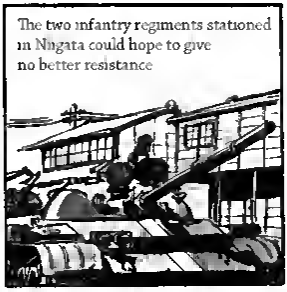
Oct. 5, 0130. JDS Makishio submarine, patrolling the area as a training mission detected the Soviet fleet's screws. By 0200, the coast had been alerted and Japanese citizens were immediately evacuated farther inland.

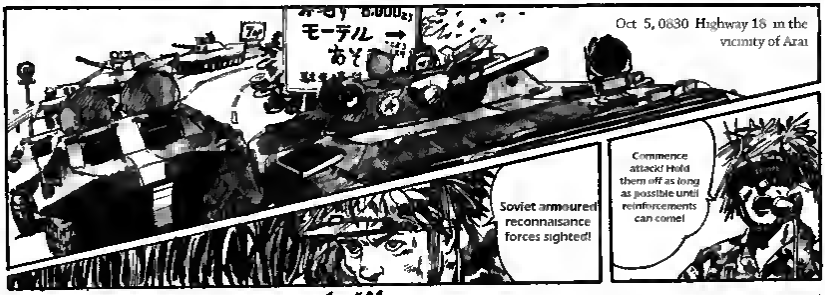


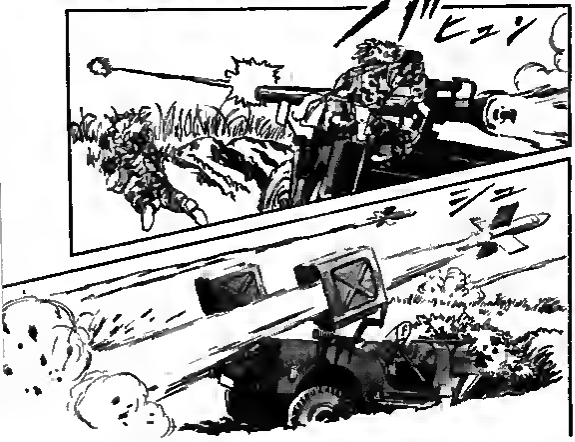

Oct 5, 0600, Naoetsu

Everything's going as planned. We've just about taken control of the coast.
Our reconnaissance units are already 3km inland, sir

Within a single hour, Soviet forces stormed the coast of Naoetsu. The Eastern Army's 12th division at Somagahara were unable to fortify the beach by morning


The two infantry regiments stationed in Niigata could hope to give no better resistance


Oct 5, 0830 Highway 18 in the vicinity of Arai
Soviet armoured reconnaisance forces sighted!
Commence attack! Hold them off as long as possible until reinforcements can come!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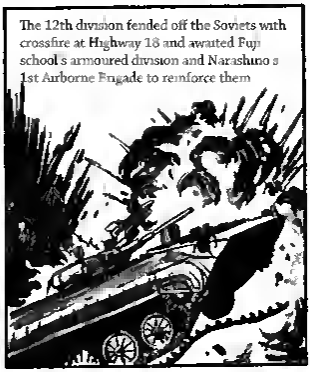
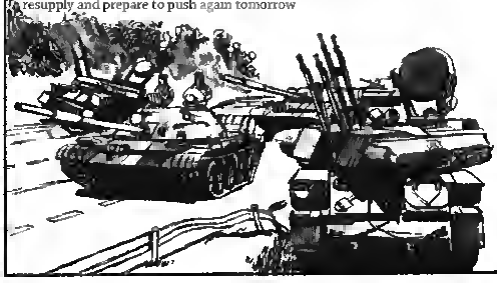
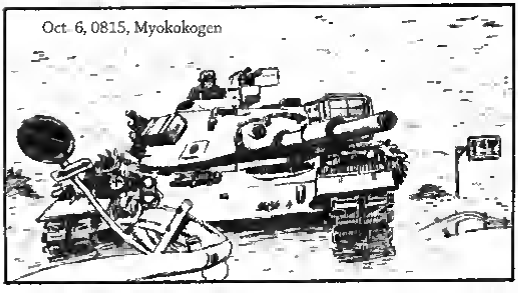
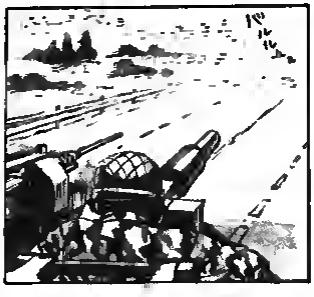

The 12th division fended off the Soviets with crossfire at Highway 18 and awaited Fuji school's armoured division and Narashino's 1st Airborne Brigade to reinforce them

ソ連軍日本上陸！

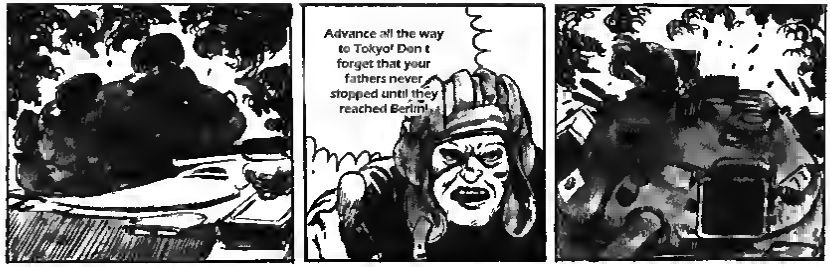
By noon of that day, the defensive lines set up by the 12th division had all been penetrated and the Soviets had stopped 40km inland from the coast to resupply and prepare to push again tomorrow

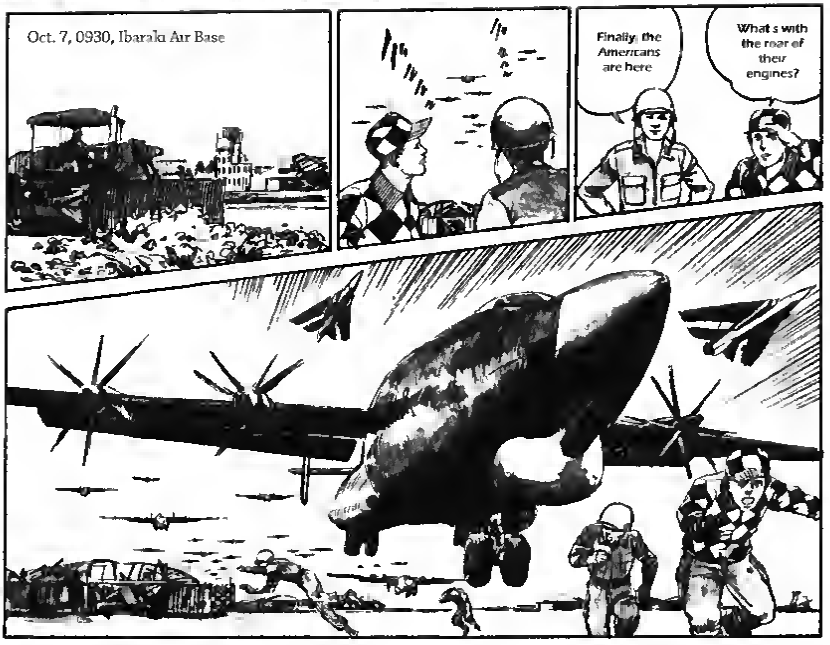


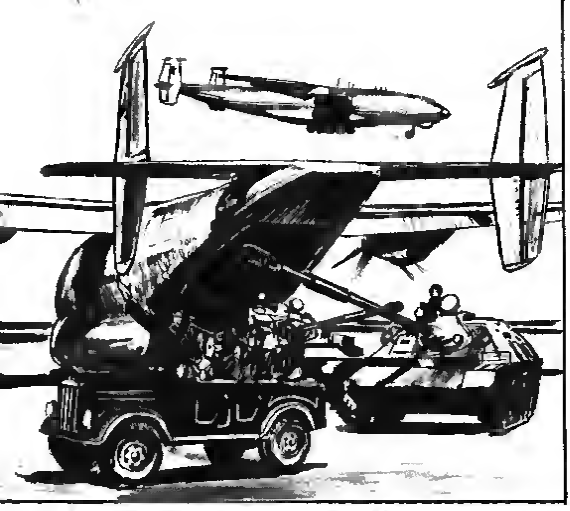




CHAAARGE!
Don't count on the Americans to come save us! Don't let a single commie pass until the war's over!


Advance all the way to Tokyo! Don t forget that your fathers never stopped until they reached Berlin!


Oct. 7, 0930, Ibaraki Air Base
Finally, the Americans are here
What s with the roar of their engines?



I'm afraid defending the capital with a single division is impossible and any fighting will lead to mass casualties for Tokyo residents

Citizens of Japan, I bear tragic news for you all The Japanese self defense force have ceased fighting and the Soviet army will occupy Tokyo shortly
ニュース
千葉純二

Translated by Hox

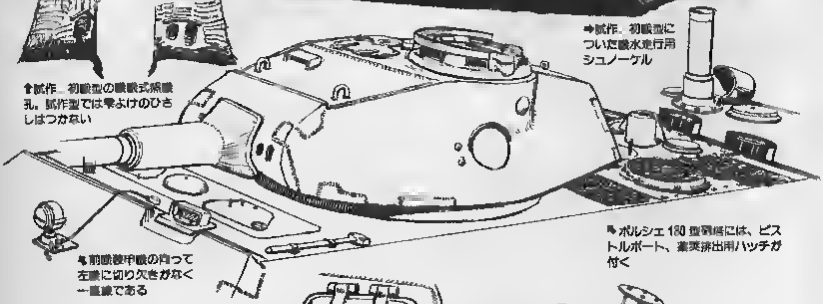
ティーゲルIIのバリエーション

●ポルシェ試作、初期型（ポルシェ180型砲塔）

1942年6月、ヒトラーの指示により、MAN社のパンテルをモデルとした71口径88mm砲装備の重戦車計画が、ポルシェとヘンシェル両社に出された。1943年2月、陸軍兵器局の審査により、ポルシェタイプは車輌整備の一貫性の為、生産済の50基の砲塔のみが採用され、ヘンシェルの車体に搭載された。

↑ポルシェ製車体の試作第一号機の前面フェンダー

↑試作、初期型の機銃式無線孔。試作型では雪よけのひさしはつかない



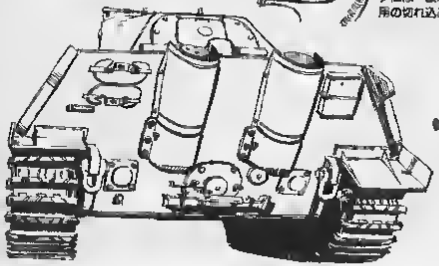
→試作、初期型についた渡水走行用シュノーケル

←ポルシェ180型砲塔には、ピストルポート、薬莢排出用ハッチが付く

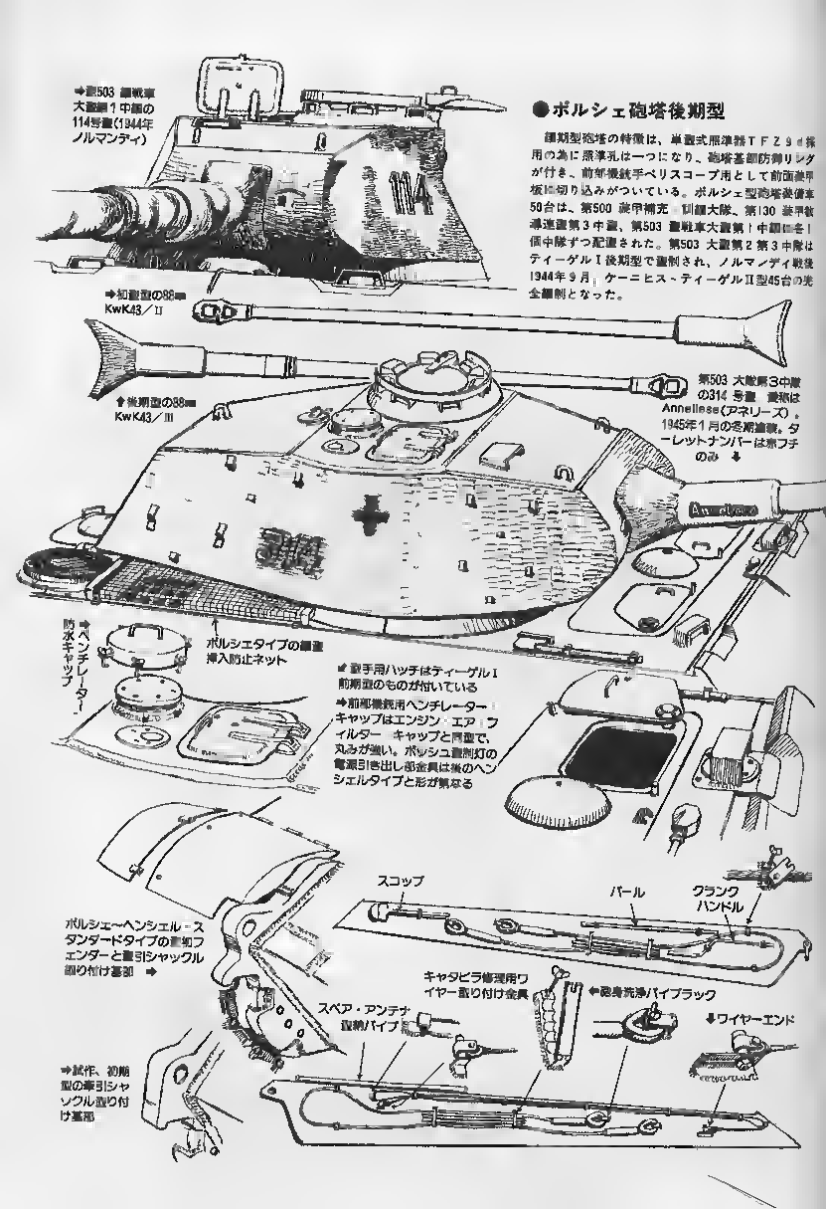
↖前面装甲板の向って左側に切り欠きがなく一直線である

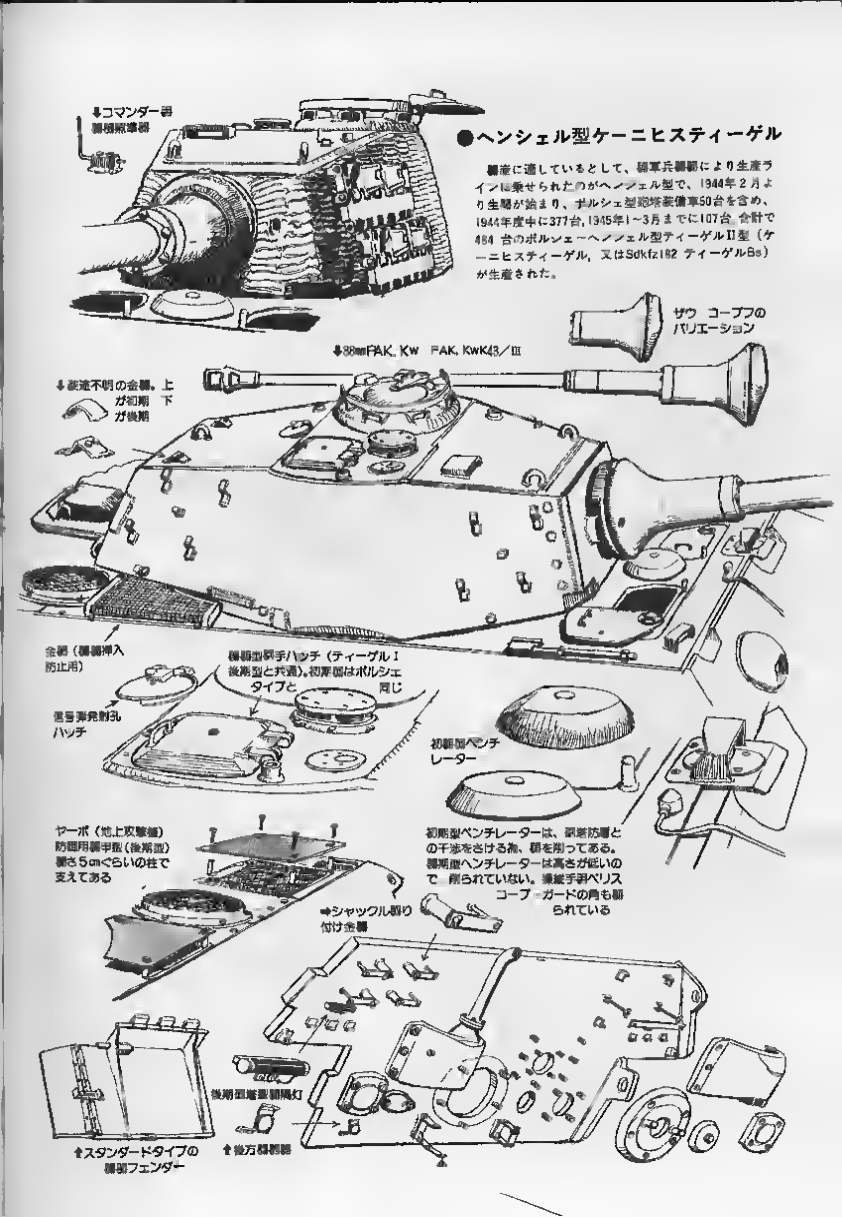
←試作型操手ハッチには、渡水時用の切れ込みがある

↓試作、初期型の機銃



↑試作、初期型ヘンシェル車体のエキゾーストパイプとその装甲板


➡第503 重戦車大隊第1中隊の114号重(1944年ノルマンディ)
●ポルシェ砲塔後期型
車輌型砲塔の特徴は、単鏡式照準器TFZ9d採用の為に照準孔は一つになり、砲塔基部防御リングが付き、前年機銃手ペリスコープ用として前面装甲板に切り込みがついている。ポルシェ型砲塔装備車50台は、第500 戦車補充 訓練大隊、第130 装甲教導連隊第3中隊、第503 重戦車大隊第1中隊に各1個中隊ずつ配置された。第503 大隊第2 第3中隊はティーゲルI 後期型で編制され、ノルマンディ戦後1944年9月 ケーニヒス・ティーゲルII型45台の完全編制となった。
➡初期型の88mm KwK43/II
⬆後期型の88mm KwK43/III
第503 大隊第3中隊の314 号重 愛称はAnnelise(アネリーズ)。1945年1月の冬期迷彩。ターレットナンバーは車体のみ ⬇
➡ベンチレーター・防水キャップ
ポルシェタイプの砲塔導入防止ネット
⬋乗手用ハッチはティーゲルI 前期型のものが付いている
➡前部機銃用ベンチレーター・キャップはエンジン・エア・フィルター キャップと同型で、丸みが強い。ポルシュ砲制灯の電源引き出し部金具は後のヘンシェルタイプと形が異なる
スコップ
バール
クランクハンドル
ポルシェ~ヘンシェル・スタンダードタイプの車初フェンダーと牽引シャックル取り付け基部 ➡
キャタピラ修理用ワイヤー取り付け金具
スペア・アンテナ収納パイプ
➡乗身洗浄パイプラック
⬇ワイヤーエンド
➡試作、初期型の牽引シャックル取り付け基部


⬇コマンダー用
簡易照準器
●ヘンシェル型ケーニヒスティーゲル
製造に遅しているとして、陸軍兵器廠により生産ラインに乗せられたのがヘンシェル型で、1944年2月より生産が始まり、ポルシェ型砲塔装備車50台を含め、1944年度中に377台、1945年1~3月までに107台、合計で484台のポルシェ=ヘンシェル型ティーゲルII型（ケーニヒスティーゲル、又はSdkfz182 ティーゲルBs）が生産された。
ザウ コープフの
バリエーション
⬇88mmFAK. KW FAK. KwK43／III
⬇装填不明の金具。上
が初期 下
が後期
金網（爆弾押入
防止用）
機関銃手ハッチ（ティーゲルI
後期型と共通）。初期型はポルシェ
タイプと 同じ
信号弾発射孔
ハッチ
初期型ペンチ
レーター
ヤーボ（地上攻撃機）
防御用鋼板（後期型）
厚さ5mぐらいの柱で
支えてある
初期型ペンチレーターは、誤射防止との干渉をさける為、縁を削ってある。後期型ペンチレーターは高さが低いので 削られていない。操縦手用ペリスコープ ガードの角も削られている
⬇シャックル取り
付け金具
後期型後部機関灯
⬆スタンダードタイプの
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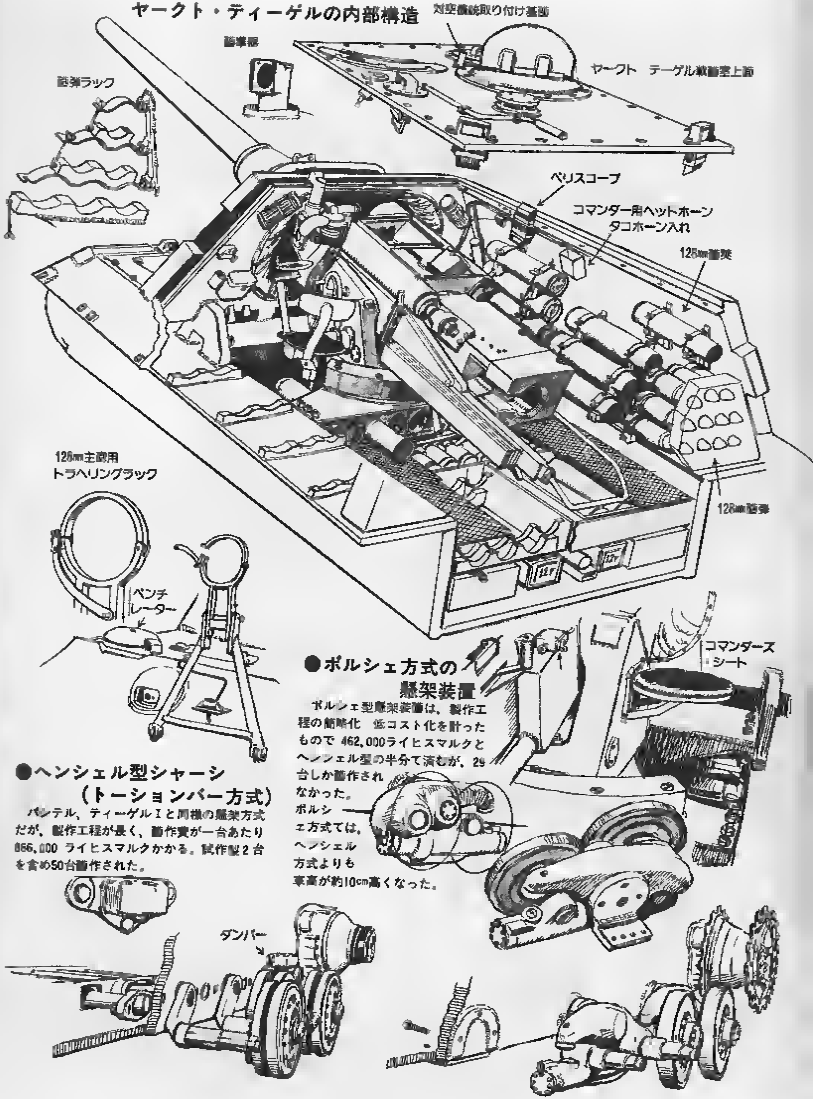
⬆後方標識灯

ヤークト・ティーゲルの内部構造

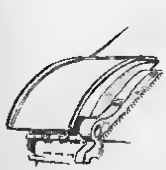


●ヘンシェル型シャーシ（トーションバー方式）

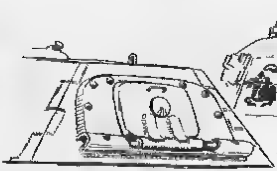
パンテル、ティーゲルⅠと同様の懸架方式だが、製作工程が長く、製作費が一台あたり866,000 ライヒスマルクかかる。試作型2台を含め50台製作された。

●ボルシェ方式の懸架装置

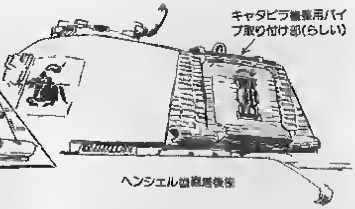
ボルシェ型懸架装置は、製作工程の簡略化 低コスト化を計ったもので 462,000ライヒスマルクとヘンシェル型の半分て済むが、29台しか製作されなかった。ボルシェ方式では、ヘンシェル方式よりも車高が約10㎝高くなった。



ヘンシェル型ケーニヒスティーゲル後期型の前部フェンダー

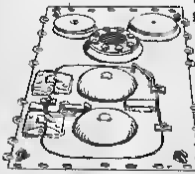


ポルシェ型砲塔後部

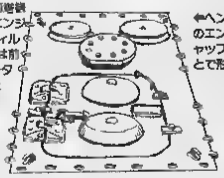


キャタピラ機垂吊パイプ取り付け部(らしい)

ヘンシェル型砲塔後部



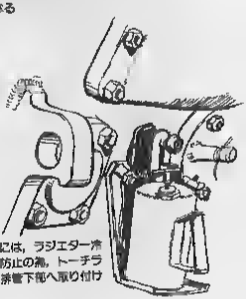
⇐ポルシェ型砲塔搭載シャーシのエンジンデッキ。フィルターキャップは前部ベンチレーターキャップと同型



⇐ヘンシェル型砲塔搭載シャーシのエンジンデッキ。フィルターキャップは、前のものと後のものとで形が違なる

●ポッシュ型
管制灯の外し方

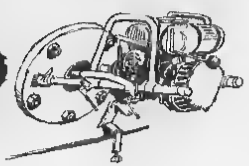
⇩スパナのリング部では、フックのナットを外せる



⇩積雪期には、ラジエーター冷却水凍結防止の為、トーチランプを左排管下部へ取り付ける

●冬期エンジン始動方法

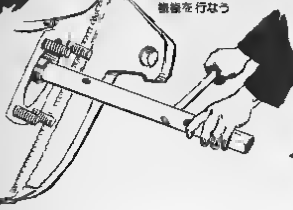
冬期はバッテリーが上がる為、手動クランクにより始動する

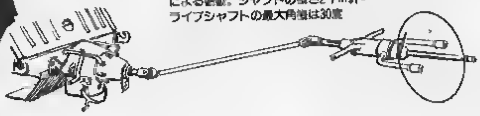


⇩エンジン付始動機

●キャタピラテンション・クリアランス

パイプ状工具のボックスでカバー取り付けナットを外し、パイプ反対側のアーレンを差し込み、アイドラーホイールの位置調整を行なう

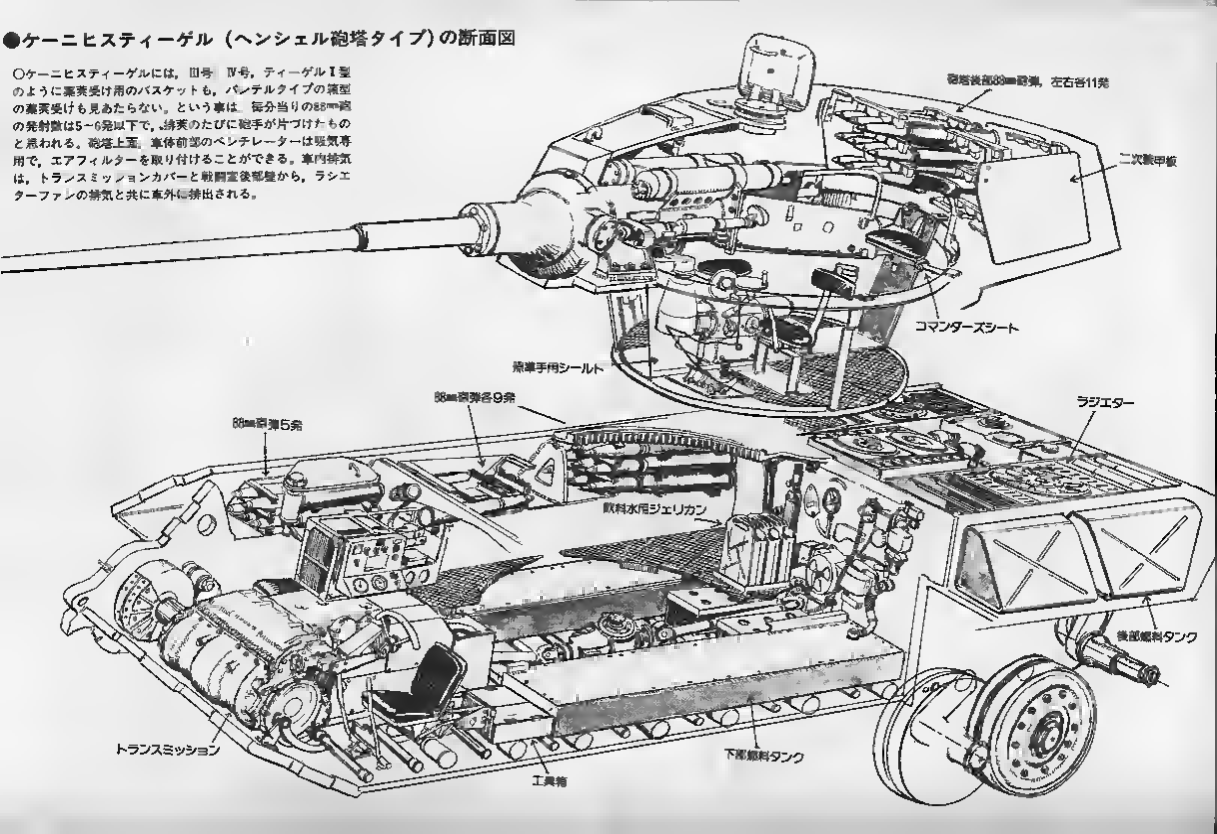




キューベルワーゲンエンジン伝達方式による始動。シャフトの長さ2.7m。ドライブシャフトの最大角度は30度

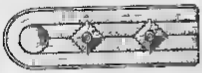
●ケーニヒスティーゲル（ヘンシェル砲塔タイプ）の断面図

○ケーニヒスティーゲルには，Ⅲ号，Ⅳ号，ティーゲルⅠ型のように薬莢受け用のバスケットも，パンテルタイプの箱型の薬莢受けも見あたらない。という事は，毎分当りの88㎜砲の発射数は5~6発以下で，薬莢のたびに砲手が片づけたものと思われる。砲塔上面，車体前部のベンチレーターは吸気専用で，エアフィルターを取り付けることができる。車内排気は，トランスミッションカバーと戦闘室後部壁から，ラシエターファンの排気と共に車外に排出される。



戦車兵ユニフォーム

戦車兵ユニフォーム。当主人公は主に後期型フィルドグレイ戦車服で　ブラックユニフォームはあまり着用しない。ブラックユニフォームは、襟章の兵科色の他に　襟に兵科の展示されず後期型に分けられるが　カモフラージュ効果を考えて　フィルドグレイの戦車服も採用されています。また戦車兵徽章、最後に第のトーテンコープ。フチ取りは兵科色のピンク。



戦車兵大尉の肩章。シルバーグレイの肩章に2つ星、フチ取りは兵科色のピンク。

一等鉄十字章。二級は略授（リボン）をボタンホールにつける。

戦傷章。5回以上の負傷のため金バッチ。

戦車突撃記章。75回以上の突撃戦を経験。

歩兵突撃記章。主人公が戦車隊兵大隊へ転出した時に授章した。

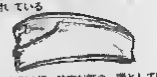
内strong戦車撃破記章。戦車隊兵大隊配属当時に5台を撃破し　金章を授章した。

41／42年東部戦線従軍章。略授をボタンホールに飾った。

クリミア楯章。クリミアの一次攻撃　二次攻撃に参加した将兵に授与された。

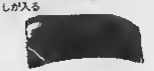
1934年支給の戦車用ベレー帽（シュツツミッツ）。内側がフェルト製だったが　ヘットオーンがうまく合わず　'41年1月に中止となる。

38年型略帽。38年以降、黒ベレーと併用して支給された。兵科色のピンクが付いている



42年型略帽。防寒対策の一環として製造された。

黒ベレーの廃止後　38年型略帽の戦車兵用黒色が支給された。将校用は銀すしが入る



兵、下士官用38年型略帽

43年型略帽

1944年型、DAK（トイツアフリカ軍団）規格帽と同型の戦車兵用略帽。

1942年以降、兵科色廃止の38年型略帽が支給された。

最後期型戦車兵ユニフォーム。上衣は43年秋より支給され始めた新M44ユニフォームで　腰、冬、空挺通り省略型で　英軍戦闘服に似ている　将校用はM35のような絹ポケットが付いている　ズボンは43年より支給された旅行車輌搭乗用で　ヒザの大きなポケットが特徴。色はフィルドグレイ44と呼ばれる茶灰色。

1942年支給のデニム製リードグリーン色の戦車兵作業服。本は戦車兵最後の上衣着用てき　夏には夏服として使用された。前つ合わせが第2列のボタンで調整でき　夏の着が可能だった。

装甲師団の装甲擲弾兵、工兵にも支給された戦車兵スタイルの戦闘服。戦車隊兵、戦車捜索大隊は戦車兵標章をフィルドグレイの服に付けられた。

フタ付きサイトポケット

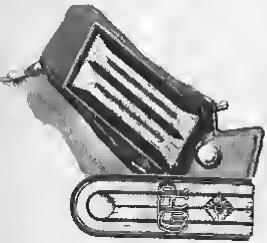
ズボン吊り用ボタンヘール

懐中時計用ポケット

Feldgendarmerie

◆野戦憲兵胸章（リングリラゲン）。レルバーメタルフィニッシュで左右の円　鷲　黒布の中ウフィルトゲンダルメリアの文字は金色（淡光金料付き）。大きさは縦6 cm。兵士官よりの階章を付けているため　野戦憲兵を憲大と呼んでいた。

◆野戦憲兵階章。フィルトグレイ地に前環境と鷲が銀色は将校、オレンジは兵、下士官。カギ十字は黒、左腕着用。



野戦憲兵は軍事組織の警察として、陸、海、空及びSS内部にも設立された。その管理責任は広く、陸軍の作戦進行の他、野戦部隊の交通整理、憲行場警備、対テロリスト　防御攻方のパトロール　野戦部隊の軍規の保全等であり、意侵な者を検挙する事が出来る。また2名の憲兵少佐で編決軍法会議を設立し処理出来た。全階級の野戦憲兵は通常の歩兵制服同様を受けており、陸軍のユニフォームを着用した。

野戦憲兵大隊は3個中隊で編成され、憲兵1個中隊は将校4名、下士官90名、兵士22名、憲兵補助員22名で編成され、トラック7台、サイトカー2台で構成され、野戦憲兵大隊は軍司令部に所属し、憲兵中隊は3個小隊で編成され、各小隊は軍団所属の軍団司令部へ配属された。

秘密野戦憲兵（GFP）は野戦憲兵より選抜された将校が任名され、主な仕事は軍事機密の維持　軍事諜報のIC/AO（情報将校）など。

◆野戦憲兵アームバント。左様着用。

◆野戦憲兵階章。銀色の襟章には2本の赤線が入り、下士官を示す銀モール（3年以降はグレイ）が付いている下は野戦憲兵上級曹長階章。銀モールに2つ星、兵科色のフチ取りはオレンジ。

◆秘密野戦憲兵将校襟章。ダークグリーン地に銀の襟章。2本の線は水色。フチ取りも水色。下は秘密野戦憲兵中尉の肩章。秘密野戦憲兵の頭文字と一つ星は金色。フチ取りの兵科色は水色。

◆オートバイ兵用ゴムコート。サイトカー　自動車部隊の運転兵及び将校に支給された。初期型はダークグリーンの布の様だが　後期型はフィルトグレイの布様となった。

◆将軍（軍司令官）の階章。赤り台布に金色のかざり。

◆大将の肩章。赤の台布に金　銀の縁り　星2つ。

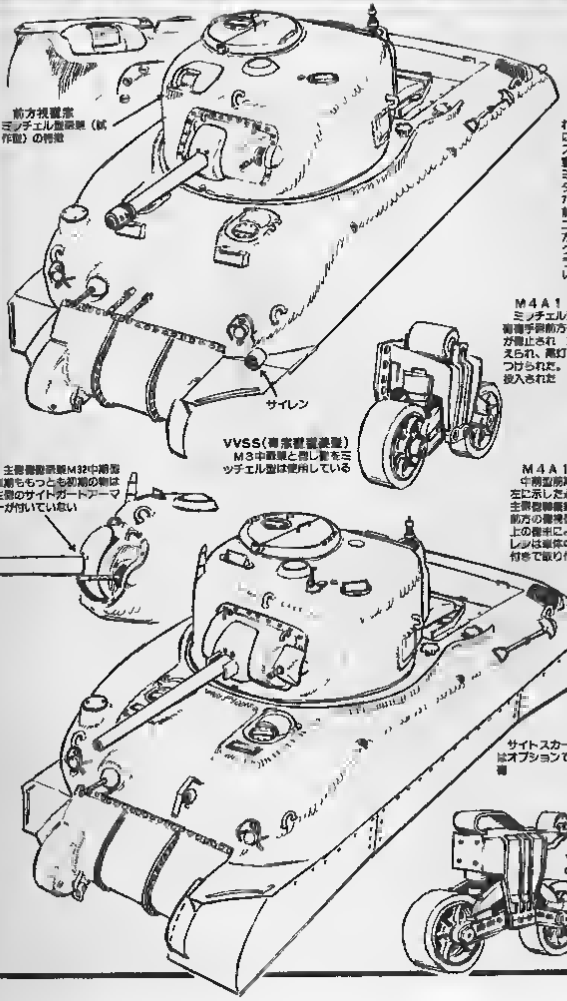
◆プール・メノット勲章（第一次大戦時の物で　当時の騎士十字章に相当する）

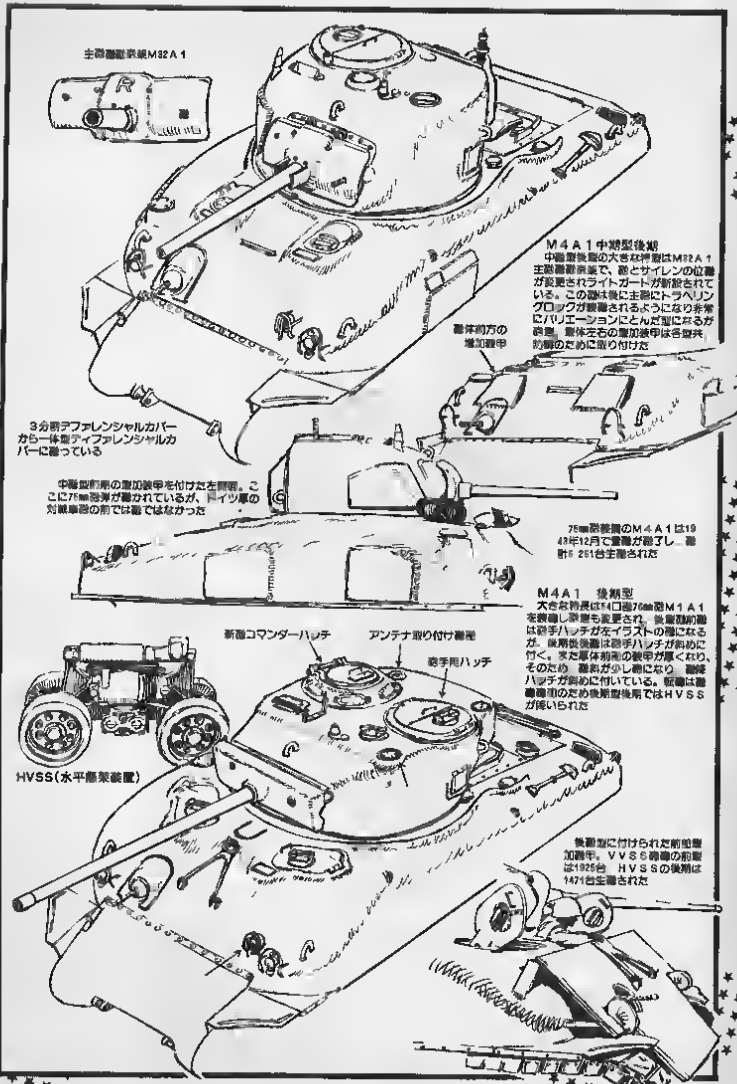
◆上着の前合わせには将軍を示す赤線が入っている。上着だけにも通じはある。袖の折り返しには地図などをはさみ込んでいる。

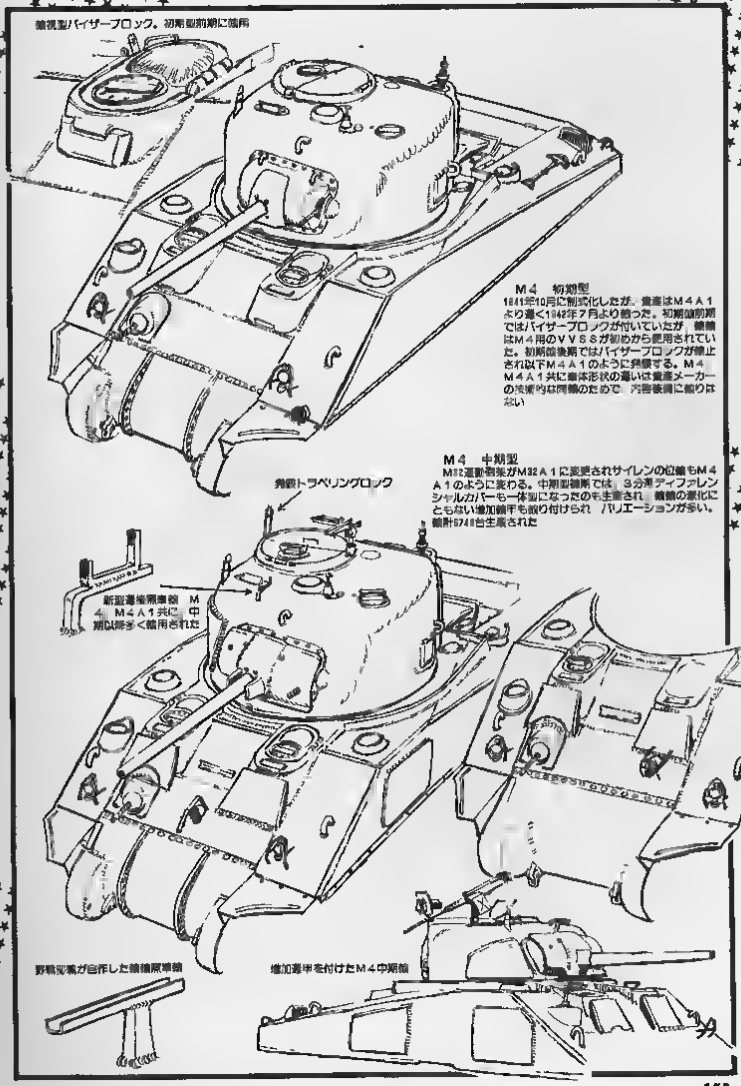
◆第3ボタンホールに付けられた第一次大戦の2級鉄十字章の略章と　その上には第二次大戦の1級鉄十字章の略章が付けられている。右が第一次大戦の2級鉄十字章。

◆将軍階級の肩章は　軍種のフチ取りは金色。星章　国章は銀色が　元帥はすべて金色となった。

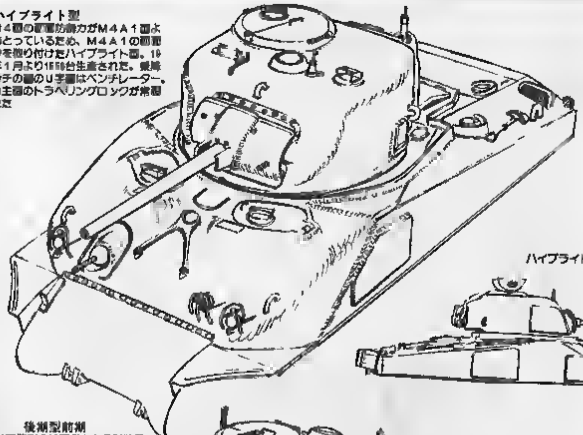
イラストで見るM4シャーマンのバリエーション
SHERMAN TANKS



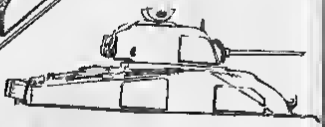

主砲防盾形状はM32A1
M4A1中期型後期
中期型後期の大きな特徴はM32A1主砲防盾形状で、砲とサイレンの位置が変更されライトガードが新設されている。この頃を境に主砲にトラベリングロックが装着されるようになり非常にバリエーションにとんだ型になるが装甲、車体左右の増加装甲は各型共、防弾のために取り付けた
車体前方の増加装甲
3分割デファレンシャルカバーから一体型アイファレンシャルカバーに替っている
中期型前期の増加装甲を付けた車両。ここに75mm砲弾が書かれているが、ドイツ軍の対戦車砲の前では紙ではなかった
75mm砲装備のM4A1は1943年12月で量産が終了し、総計6 251台生産された
M4A1 後期型
大きな特徴は54口径76mm砲M1A1を搭載し砲塔も変更され、後期型前期は砲手ハッチがキューポラの様になるが、後期型後期は砲手ハッチが前めに付く。また車体前面の装甲が厚くなり、そのため 重量が少し増になり、操縦ハッチが前めに付いている。新砲は重量増加のため後期型後期ではHVSSが採いられた
新型コマンダーハッチ
アンテナ取り付け基座
砲手用ハッチ
HVSS(水平懸架装置)
後期型に付けられた前部増加装甲。VVSS前期の前型は1925台 HVSSの後期は1471台生産された


鋳造型バイザーブロック。初期型前期に装着
M４　初期型
1941年10月に制式化したが、量産はＭ４Ａ１より遅く1942年７月より始まった。初期型前期ではバイザーブロックが付いていたが、鋳造はＭ４用のＶＶＳＳが初めから使用されていた。初期型後期ではバイザーブロックが廃止され以下Ｍ４Ａ１のように見様する。Ｍ４Ｍ４Ａ１共に車体形状の違いは量産メーカーの技術的な問題のためで、内容各種に変りはない
Ｍ４　中期型
M32運搬戦車がM32Ａ１に変更されサイレンの位置もＭ４Ａ１のように変わる。中期型後期では、３分割ディファレンシャルカバーも一体型になったのも主流され、鋳造の変化にともない増加装甲も取り付けられ、バリエーションが多い。総計6748台生産された
発明トラベリングロック
新型運搬戦車架　Ｍ４、Ｍ４Ａ１共に初期多く使用された
野戦改造が施した鋳造戦車架
増加装甲を付けたＭ４中期型

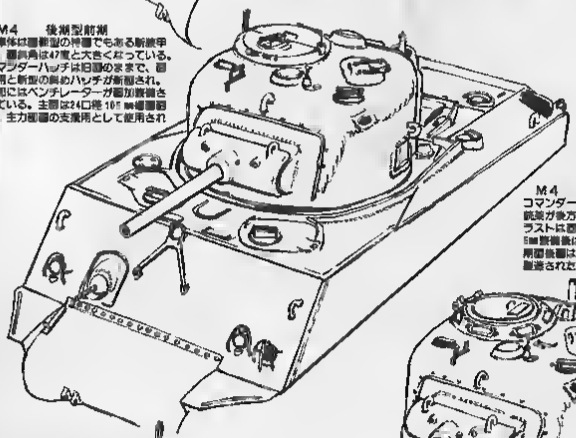
ハイブライト型
M4戦車の攻撃力がM4A1戦車よりおとっているため、M4A1の砲塔装甲を取り付けたハイブライト型。1944年1月より1550台生産された。後期ハッチの取り手部はベンチレーター。75mm主砲のトラベリングロックが廃止された



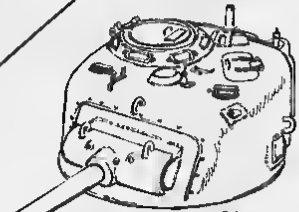
ハイブライト型の左側面



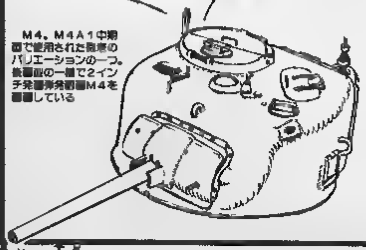
M4　後期型前期
車体は溶接型の特徴でもある新装甲で、傾斜角は47度と大きくなっている。コマンダーハッチは旧型のままで、操縦手用と新型の斜めハッチが新設された。後部にはベンチレーターが追加装備されている。主砲は24口径 105 mm榴弾砲で、主力戦車の支援用として使用された

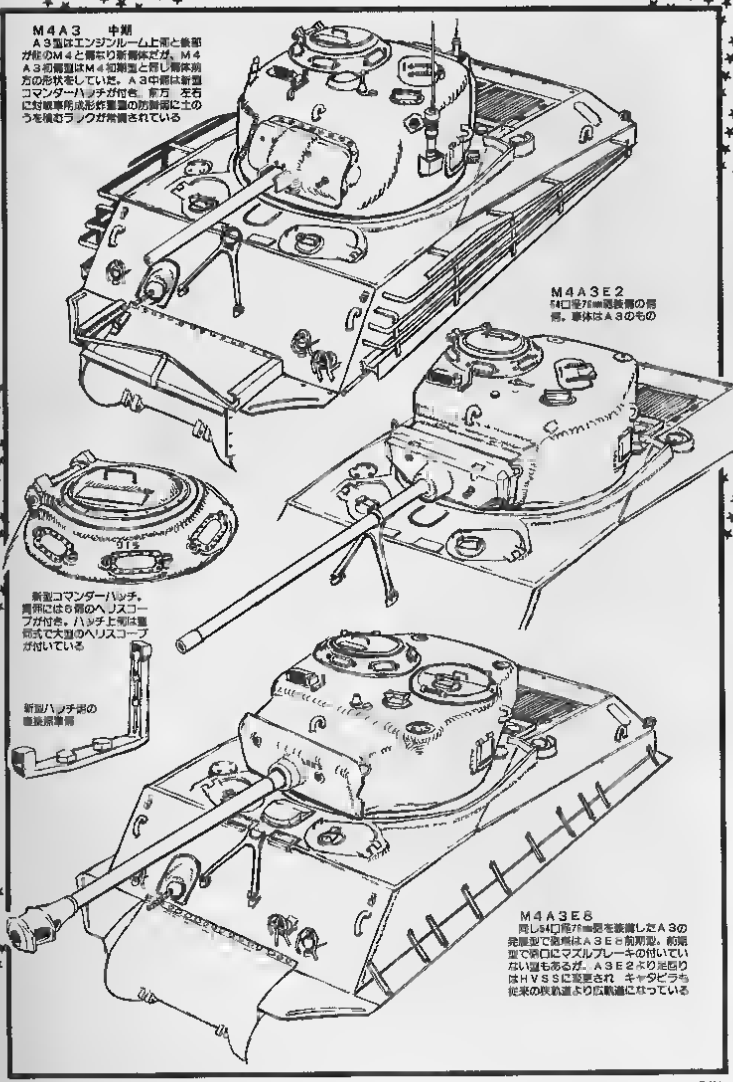


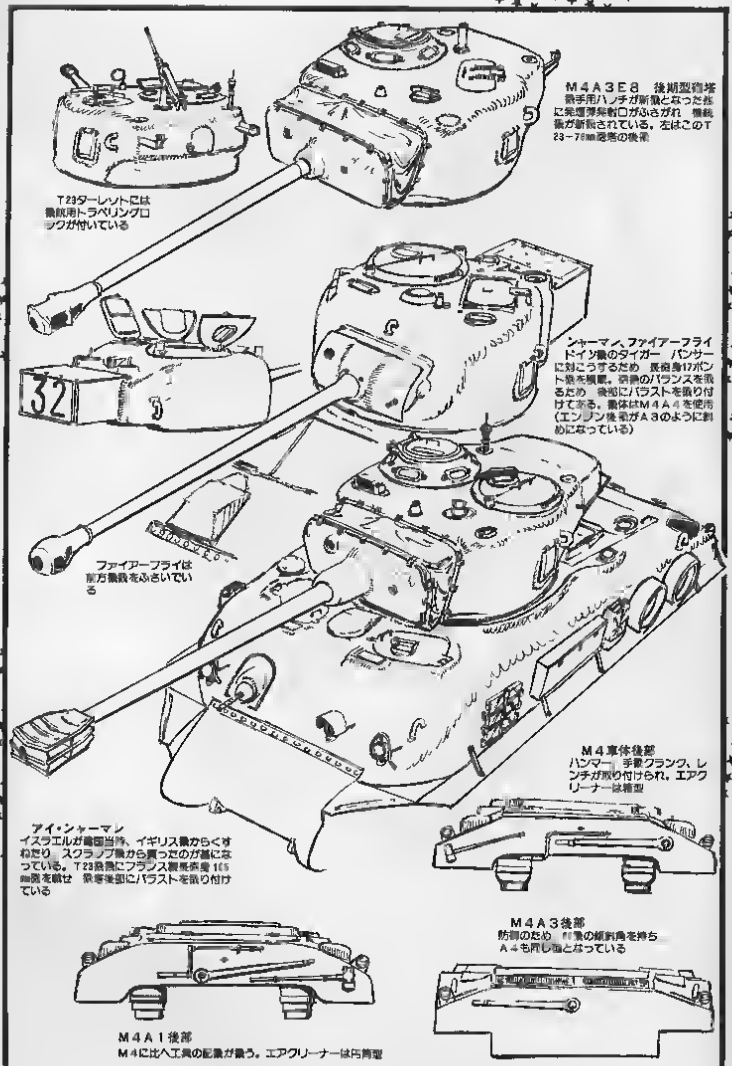
M4　後期型後期
コマンダーハッチが後部になり機銃架が後方に装着された。下のイラストは溶接型の側面。M4型105mm榴弾砲は849台製造された。後期型後期はHVSS仕様で941台製造された



M4，M4A1中期型で使用された装甲のバリエーションの一つ。後期型の一種で2インチ兵器廃止前期M4を装備している




M4A3　中期
A3型はエンジンルーム上部と後部が従のM4と異なり新車体だが、M4A3初期型はM4初期型と同じ鋳床前方の形状をしていた。A3中期は新型コマンダーハッチが付き、車方　左右に対戦車用成形炸薬弾の防護板と土のうを積むラックが常備されている
M4A3E2
76口径76mm砲装備の型式。車体はA3のもの
新型コマンダーハッチ。周囲には6個のペリスコープが付き、ハッチ上部は直径式で大型のペリスコープが付いている
新型ハッチ形の車長指揮筒
M4A3E8
同じ54口径76mm砲を装備したA3の発展型で車体はA3E8前期型。前期型で砲口にマズルブレーキの付いていない型もあるが、A3E2より足回りはHVSSに変更され　キャタピラも従来の履帯道より広軌道になっている


M4A3E8 後期型砲塔
乗手用ハッチが廃止となった他に発煙弾発射口がふさがれ、機銃後が新設されている。左はこのT23-75mm砲塔の後期
T23ターレットには機銃用トラベリングロックが付いている
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シャーマン ファイアーフライドイツ戦のタイガー パンサーに対こうするため 長砲身17ポンド砲を搭載。砲塔のバランスを取るため 後部にバラストを取り付けてある。車体はM4A1を使用(エンジン後部がA3のように斜めになっている)
ファイアーフライは車方機銃をふさいでいる
M4車体後部
ハンマー 手動クランク、レンチが取り付けられ、エアクリーナーは箱型
アイ・シャーマン
イスラエルが第四当時、イギリス戦からくすねたり スクラップ場から買ったのが基になっている。T23砲塔にフランス製照準器 105mm砲を載せ 砲塔後部にバラストを取り付けている
M4A3後部
防御のため 前面の傾斜角を持ちA4も同じ面となっている
M4A1後部
M4に比べ工員の配置が違う。エアクリーナーは円筒型